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10.04.010 Powers of board of police commissioners concerning traffic.

A. The board of police commissioners is authorized and empowered to adopt such rules, regulations and restrictions relative to the routing of traffic and the parking of vehicles not inconsistent with the statutes of the state as in its judgment may be deemed necessary for the proper regulation and control of vehicular traffic upon the streets of the city and for the safety and convenience of the public.

B. Except where now or hereafter otherwise provided by ordinance, the board of police commissioners shall have the power to determine, establish, limit and control at such highway intersections as in its discretion it may deem advisable for the public safety and to promote the orderly and expeditious flow of traffic in and through the city, the directions in which any vehicle entering such intersection may proceed; and to that end it may and shall indicate and direct the same by appropriate markers, signs, stations or combinations thereof.

(Prior code § 20-1)

10.04.020 Authority of police department to regulate traffic.

The police department is authorized to direct and regulate traffic on the streets of the city and may, on the occasion of parades, public receptions, fire or police activities, or on other occasions when emergency conditions exist, impose reasonable parking and no-parking restrictions in addition to such parking restrictions and regulations as may have been adopted by the board of police commissioners.

(Prior code § 20-2)

10.04.030 Erection, placement of signs and markings regulating traffic and parking.

The police department may place upon the highways appropriate signs to inform the public of the restrictions imposed by or under the authority of this chapter, and may by signs, painted lines upon the highway, or by any other manner deemed sufficient and proper by the police department, indicate the direction and position in which vehicles shall stand upon the streets.

(Prior code § 20-3)

10.04.040 Exemption from chapter.

The provisions of this chapter dealing with the movement and parking of vehicles shall not apply to ambulances, or to police, fire department, fire patrol or United States mail vehicles.

(Prior code § 20-4)

Chapter 10.08 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC STREETS

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10.08.010 U-turns prohibited in certain streets.

No person operating or driving a vehicle in one direction shall turn the same around in the street so as to travel in the opposite direction on the following streets between the points designated:

Fairfield Avenue, from Water Street to Courtland Street;

Main Street, from State Street to Congress Street;

Middle Street, from State Street to Congress Street;

State Street, from Water Street to Courtland Street.

(Prior code § 20-16)

10.08.020 Turns prohibited at intersection of Main Street and Fairfield Avenue.

No person driving or controlling a vehicle of any kind whatsoever shall, at the corner of Main Street and Fairfield Avenue, turn such vehicle from either street into the other.

(Prior code § 20-17)

10.08.030 One-way streets.

A. The following named streets, throughout the portion of their extent indicated after their respective names, shall be one-way streets and shall be so known and designated; and no person driving or controlling any vehicle shall cause or permit the same to pass through or along any part of the indicated portion of any such street, other than at intersections, except in the direction respectively specified in this subsection:

| Street or Avenue | One-Way | Direction of Traffic |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Arch Street | Main to Washington | westerly |
| Bank Street | Main to Broad | westerly |
| Bank Street | Main to Middle | easterly |
| Boston Avenue (north side) | Full length of Old Mill Green | westerly |
| Boston Avenue (south side) | Full length of Old Mill Green | easterly |
| Cannon Street | Main to Broad | westerly |
| Congress Street (north underpass) | Under railroad viaduct | westerly |
| Congress Street (south underpass) | Under railroad viaduct | easterly |
| Connecticut Avenue | Seaview to Yellow Mill Bridge | westerly |
| Court Street | State to Gilbert | southerly |
| Crown Street | Noble to Glenwood | easterly |
| Fairfield Avenue (2 north underpasses) | Under railroad viaduct | westerly |
| Fairfield Avenue (2 south underpasses) | Under railroad viaduct | easterly |
| Franklin Street | Washington to Main | easterly |
| Fulton Street | Washington to Main | westerly |
| Gilbert Street | Broad to Lafayette | westerly |
| Glenwood Avenue | Crown to Richardson | northerly |
| Gold Street | Main to Water | easterly |
| High Street | Main to Washington | easterly |
| Highland Avenue | Harral to Washington | easterly |
| Lexington Avenue | Linen to Jones | easterly |
| Liberty Street | Lafayette to Broad | easterly |
| Middle Street | Congress to Gold | southerly |
| Middle Street | Wall to John | southerly |
| Park Avenue (east side) | Length of Esplanade | northerly |
| Park Avenue (west side) | Length of Esplanade | southerly |
| Plaza (diagonal road) | Water to Middle | south-westerly |
| Plaza (road parallel to Water Street) | Wall to State | southerly |
| Railroad Avenue (north side) | South to Fairfield | westerly |
| Railroad Avenue (south side) | Fairfield to Broad | easterly |

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| Seaview Avenue | Stratford to Connecticut | northerly |
| Stratford Avenue | Yellow Mill Bridge to Seaview | easterly |
| Wall Street | Main to Middle | easterly |
| Wall Street | Water to Middle | westerly |
| Water Street | Gold to Congress | northerly |
| Water Street | State to Wall Street east of the Parking Terminal and the island | northerly |

B. The board of police commissioners shall establish and maintain at all intersections affected by this section appropriate markers or signs indicating the fact and direction of one-way traffic.

(Ord. dated 11/3/03: prior code § 20-18)

10.08.040 Closing of certain streets during school hours.

Except during the period between the closing of schools for the summer vacation and the opening of schools for the fall term, and except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, no person shall drive, operate, direct or otherwise propel any vehicle on Church Street between Crescent Avenue and Hallett Street between the hours of:

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.;

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.;

12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.;

1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.;

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

or on that portion of Linwood Avenue lying between Laurel Avenue and Wood Avenue, the western limit of which shall begin at the point of the western property line of Maplewood Avenue School on the south side of Linwood Avenue and shall extend by a line to the point of the western property line of the junior high school on the north side of Linwood Avenue and the eastern limit of which shall begin at the point of the eastern property line of Maplewood Avenue School on the south side of Linwood Avenue and shall extend by a line to the point of the eastern property line of the junior high school on the north side of Linwood Avenue between the hours of:

8:25 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.;

12:55 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.

(Prior code § 20-19)

Chapter 10.12

STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING GENERALLY

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10.12.010 Restrictions on stopping or parking generally Violations Penalties Exemption.

A. Violations. No person driving or controlling a vehicle shall stop or cause or permit the same to be stopped or parked:

1. Beyond the legal parking time established for such area or parked overtime in any parking meter space;
2. More than twelve (12) inches from the curb;
3. Upon or obstruct any crossing of any street;
4. Within the intersection of any street;
5. Within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection or a marked crosswalk;
6. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a duly erected stop sign;
7. So to obstruct a driveway;
8. On a public sidewalk and/or any other portion (including, but not limited to, the curb and the grassy or dirt strip between the curb and the paved portion of the sidewalk) of the city's right-of-way other than the paved portion of the street;
9. So to obstruct the free movement of traffic and/or constitute a traffic hazard;
10. Within a designated handicapped parking space and who does not display an official state handicapped parking permit on their vehicle;
11. Within an established bus stop zone;
12. Within a fire zone marked "No Parking Fire Zone Tow Away Zone" and
13. Within ten feet of a hydrant.

B. Penalty. Any person who shall receive a notice from the police department of the city to appear at the office of police headquarters to the effect that his vehicle was parked in violation of this section shall pay to the clerk of the police department the following sums:

1. Beyond the legal parking time established for such area or parked overtime in any parking meter space, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00);
2. More than twelve (12) inches from the curb, thirty dollars (\$30.00);
3. Upon or obstruct any crossing of any street, forty dollars (\$40.00);

4. Within the intersection of any street, forty dollars (\$40.00);
5. Within twenty-five (25) feet of any intersection or a marked crosswalk, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00);
6. Within twenty-five (25) feet of a duly erected stop sign, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00);
7. So to obstruct a driveway, thirty-five dollars (\$35.00);
8. On a public sidewalk, fifty dollars (\$50.00);
9. So to obstruct the free movement of traffic and/or constitute a traffic hazard, fifty-five dollars (\$55.00);
10. Within a designated handicapped parking space and who does not display an official state handicapped overtime parking permit on their vehicle, one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00);
11. Within an established bus stop zone, forty-five dollars (\$45.00);
12. Within a fire zone marked "No Parking Fire Zone - Tow Away Zone," fifty-five dollars (\$55.00);
13. Within ten feet of a hydrant, seventy dollars (\$70.00);
14. Night time parking tractor weighing more than 10,000 pounds, one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115.00).

C. Additional Penalty. In the event any person fails to comply within fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance thereof, such person shall pay an additional sum as indicated in this subsection:

1. A violation of thirty dollars (\$30.00) increases to sixty dollars (\$60.00) per violation;
2. A violation of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) increases to seventy dollars (\$70.00) per violation;
3. A violation of forty dollars (\$40.00) increases to eighty dollars (\$80.00) per violation;
4. A violation of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) increases to ninety dollars (\$90.00) per violation;
5. A violation of fifty dollars (\$50.00) increases to one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per violation;
6. A violation of fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) increases to one hundred and ten dollars (\$110.00) per violation;

7. A violation of seventy dollars (\$70.00) increases to one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00) per violation;
8. A violation of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) increases to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per violation;
9. A violation of one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115.00) increases to two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00);
10. A violation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) increases to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).

D. Exemption. A vehicle shall not be in violation of this section which has become disabled to such an extent that it is impossible or impracticable to remove it, may be permitted to so remain for a reasonable time for the purpose of making repairs thereto or of obtaining sufficient assistance to remove it. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a vehicle from stopping or being held stationary by any police officer in an emergency to avoid accident or to give the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian as provided by law.

(Ord. dated 7/5/05; Ord. dated 6/6/05; Ord. dated 10/2/00; Ord. dated 5/15/89; prior code § 20-31)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08; Ord. dated 2/2/09)

10.12.020 Fire zones.

A. The fire chief of the city is directed and authorized to establish fire zone areas within or near any public or private street, highway or passway, when in his judgment, for the safety of the general public, such areas shall be restricted no-parking zones.

B. Wherever the fire chief establishes a fire zone, he shall file a copy of his order with the fire committee of the board of aldermen of the city.

C. Such restricted areas shall be clearly marked, "NO PARKING FIRE ZONE TOWAWAY ZONE." Section 10.24.100 shall apply, and enforcement of this section shall be the responsibility of the chief of police and whomever he may delegate.

D. Towing rates and storage charges shall be determined by the board of police commissioners under authority of Section 10.24.100.

(Ord. dated 12/21/92 § 75(a), (b); prior code § 20-32)

10.12.030 All-night parking restrictions Streets designated.

No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle registered in his name to stand or park upon a public highway between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m., except:

A. Vehicles other than commercial vehicles shall be allowed to stand or park between the aforesaid hours on the even-numbered side of the street on those nights bearing an even-numbered calendar date for the portion thereof before midnight, and on the odd-numbered side of the street on those nights bearing an odd-numbered calendar date for the portion thereof before midnight except further as provided in the following schedule:

1. There shall be no parking on either side of the following streets between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Albert Square

Arctic Street (except that section from William Street to Knowlton Street)

Armstrong Place

Barnum Avenue (except that section from Harriet Street to Knowlton Street)

Beecher Street

Beechmont Avenue

Bond Street

Boston Avenue

Buckingham Street

California Street

Cedar Street

Chopsy Hill Road

Clarence Street (East Main Street to Crescent Avenue)

Coggswell Street

Columbia Court

Congress Street

Connecticut Avenue

Crescent Avenue

Crown Street

East Main Street

Evers Street

Fairfield Avenue

Glenwood Avenue

Golden Hill Street

Granfield Avenue

Grant Street

Hamilton Street

Harrison Street

Housatonic Avenue

Huntington Road (Berkshire Bridge to Beecher Street)

Huntington Turnpike

John Street

Knowlton Street

Kossuth Street (Arctic Street to Stratford Avenue)

Lumber Street

Madison Avenue

Madison Court

Maiden Lane

Main Street

Middle Street

Myrtle Avenue (State Street to South Avenue)

Newfield Avenue (Orange Street to Stratford Avenue)

Noble Avenue (Arctic Street to Pulaski Street)

North Avenue

Old Town Road

Palisade Avenue

Park Avenue

Pierpont Street

Pleasant Street

Pulaski Street

Railroad Avenue

Reservoir Avenue

Seaview Avenue

South Avenue (Myrtle Avenue to Railroad Avenue)

State Street

Stewart Street

Stratford Avenue

Stueben Street

Suggetts Lane

Summit Street

Sylvan Avenue

Trumbull Avenue

Vernon Street

Walter Street

Warren Court

Washington Avenue

York Street.

2. There shall be parking on the north side only on the following streets between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Arch Street

Arctic Street (William Street to Knowlton Street)

Burnham Street

Cannon Street

Chapel Street

Cole Street

East Washington Avenue (except that section from Seaview Avenue to Central Avenue)

Elm Street

Ford Place

Fulton Street

Howe Street

Maplewood Avenue (Park Avenue to Mountain Grove Street)

Meadow Street

North Avenue (Park Avenue to Madison Avenue)

Seymour Street

South Avenue (from Main Street to Park Avenue)

Westway Street.

3. There shall be parking on the south side only on the following streets between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Atlantic Street

Bank Street

Forest Court

Franklin Street

Gilbert Street

Gold Street

High Street

Railroad Avenue (Warren Street to Lafayette Street)

Sims Street.

4. There shall be parking on the east side only on the following streets between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Alsace Street

Denver Avenue

Dewey Street

Flanders Street

Helen Street

Little Street

Oak Street

Park Avenue (from Railroad Avenue to State Street)

Walnut Street (Gregory Street to Ridge Avenue)

Wells Street.

5. There shall be parking on the west side only on the following streets between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Acorn Street (from Kennedy Drive south to its dead end)

Colorado Avenue (between Railroad Avenue and State Street)

Forest Street

Oak Street (between North Avenue and Grand Street).

B. During the period between April 15th and November 15th of each year vehicles other than commercial shall be permitted to park or stand upon either side of the following public highways between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m.:

Abner Court

Acton Road

Admiral Street

Adolf Place

Alameda Place

Alba Avenue

Albemarle Street

Albion Street

Aldine Avenue

Aldo Street

Alex Street

Alexander Avenue

Alexander Drive

Alfred Street

Alice Street

Alpine Street

Amos Street

Amsterdam Avenue

Andover Street (Fairfield Avenue to Spruce Street)

Ann Street

Anson Street

Anthony Street

Anton Drive

Anton Street

Arcadia Avenue

Arch Street

Ardmore Street

Arlington Street

Arthur Street

Ash Street

Ashley Street

Ashton Street

Astor Street

Astoria Avenue

Asylum Street

Atlantic Street

Atwater Street

Austin Street

Baker Street

Baldwin Street

Balmforth Street

Balsam Avenue

Bancroft Avenue

Bankside Street

Barclay Street

Barnum Dyke

Bartlett Street (Clarke Street to Goldenrod Avenue)

Bay Street

Beach Place

Beach Street

Beachview Avenue

Beardsley Park Terrace

Beardsley Street

Bear Paw Road

Beatrice Street

Bedford Avenue

Beechwood Avenue

Beers Street

Belmont Avenue

Benham Avenue

Bennett Street

Benson Street

Benson Terrace

Berkeley Place

Berkshire Avenue

Beverly Drive

Bick Terrace

Bird Street

Birmingham Street

Bishop Avenue

Black Rock Avenue

Blackman Place

Blueberry Road

Bluff Street

Boston Terrace

Bostwick Avenue

Bowe Avenue

Bowker Place

Bretton Street

Brewster Street

Breyer Street

Briarwood Avenue

Brittin Avenue

Broad Street

Broadbridge Road

Broadway

Bronx Avenue

Brookfield Avenue

Brooklawn Avenue

Brooklawn Place

Brooks Street

Bruce Boulevard

Bryant Street

Bunnell Street

Burnsford Avenue

Burr Court

Burr Road

Burroughs Street

Butler Avenue

Cairnbrook Drive

Calhoun Avenue

Calvert Place

Calvin Avenue

Cambridge Street

Camp Place

Campbell Road

Canaan Road

Canfield Avenue

Capitol Avenue

Carbon Street

Carleton Avenue

Carlson Avenue

Carnegie Avenue

Caroline Street

Carrie Street

Carroll Avenue

Carroll Court

Catherine Street

Center Street

Central Avenue

Chalmers Avenue

Chamberlain Avenue

Chamberlain Place

Chapel Street

Charles Street

Charlotte Street

Chase Street

Cherry Hill Drive

Cherry Street

Chestnut Street

Circular Avenue

Cityview Avenue

Clair Street

Clarke Street

Clarkson Street

Clearview Circle

Clearview Drive

Clermont Avenue

Cleveland Avenue

Clifton Place

Clinton Avenue

Clover Hill Avenue

Coleman Street

Colonial Avenue

Colorado Avenue

Columbia Street

Concord Street

Connor Street

Corn Tassel Road

Cornell Street

Cornhill Street

Cornwall Street

Cottage Street

Cotter Drive

Courtland Avenue

Courtland Street

Cowles Street

Crestview Drive

Cross Street

Crowther Avenue

Currier Street

Dande Street

Daniel Drive

Daniels Avenue

Davenport Street

Davis Avenue

Dayton Road

Deacon Street

Dean Place

DeForest Avenue

DeKalb Avenue

D'Eramo Place

Dewey Street

Dewhirst Street

Dexter Drive

Division Street

Dixon Street

Dobson Street

Dodd Avenue

Donald Court

Dora Circle

Dover Street

Downmoor Avenue

Dupont Place

Durando Place

Eagle Street

Earl Avenue

East Avenue

East Eaton Street

East Kensington Place

East Pasadena Place

East Thorne Street

East Washington Avenue

Eaton Street

Eckart Street

Edna Avenue

Edwards Street

Edwin Street

Elizabeth Street

Ellsworth Street

Elmsford Road

Elmwood Avenue

Elmwood Place

Emerald Street

Emra Place

Emra Street

Englewood Avenue

Enid Street

Eric Street

Essex Street

Evans Street

Everett Street

Evergreen Street

Evers Court

Evers Place

Evitts Lane

Exeter Street

Ezra Street

Fairbanks Street

Fairfax Road

Fairlawn Avenue

Fairmont Avenue

Fairview Avenue

Fairview Avenue Ext.

Fayerweather Terrace

Federal Street

Fern Street

Ferris Street

Fifth Street

Fiske Avenue

Fleet Street

Fleetwood Place

Flint Street

Florence Avenue

Flower Street

Folino Drive

Ford Place

Forestview Road

Foster Square

Fourth Street

Fox Street

Frances Street

Frank Street

Freeman Street

Fremont Street

Frenchtown Road

Front Street

Funston Avenue

Garden Drive

Garden Street

Garfield Avenue

Garland Street

Gary Street

Gaspee Road

Geduldig Avenue

George Street

Gilbert Street

Gilman Street

Glen Street

Glendale Avenue

Glendale Terrace

Goddard Avenue

Goldenroad Avenue

Goodsell Street

Goodwin Street

Grace Street

Grand Street

Grandview Avenue

Grasso Terrace

Greenfield Drive

Greenwood Street

Gregory Street

Grenelle Street

Greyrock Road

Greystone Road

Griffin Avenue

Griffin Circle

Grove Street

Grovers Avenue

Guilford Drive

Gurdon Street

Hackley Street

Hale Terrace

Hallett Street

Hallock Street

Hancock Avenue

Hanford Avenue

Hansen Avenue

Harbor Avenue

Harbor Street

Harborview Avenue

Harborview Place

Harmony Street

Harral Avenue

Harriet Street

Hart Street

Harvard Street

Harvey Street

Hastings Street

Hawley Avenue

Hawthorne Street

Haynes Street

Hazel Avenue

Hazelwood Avenue

Helen Street

Hemlock Street

Henderson Street

Heppinstall Drive

Herald Avenue

Herbert Street

Herkimer Street

Hewitt Street

Hickory Street

Higgins Avenue

High Ridge Drive

High Street

Highland Avenue

Hill Street

Hillcrest Road

Hillhouse Avenue

Hillside Avenue

Hillview Avenue

Holland Avenue

Holland Road

Hollister Avenue

Holly Street

Hollywood Avenue

Holroyd Street

Homestead Avenue

Hooker Road

Hope Street

Horace Street

Hough Avenue

Houston Avenue

Howard Avenue

Howe Street

Hubbell Street

Hudson Street

Hughes Avenue

Hunting Street

Hurd Avenue

Huron Street

Imperial Street

Indian Avenue

Indian Field Road

Infield Street

Interior Street

Iranistan Avenue

Island Brook Avenue

Iwanicki Circle

Jackson Avenue

James Street

Jane Street

Jefferson Street

Jennings Avenue

Jetland Street

Jewett Avenue

Jones Avenue

Jourmire Road

Judson Place

Kaechele Place

Keeler Avenue

Kelsey Place

Kensington Place

Kent Avenue

Kent Street

Kevin Road

King Street

Kingsbury Road

Knoll Place

Lafayette Boulevard

Lafayette Street

Lake Avenue

Lake Street

Lakeshore Terrace

Lakeside Drive

Lakeview Avenue

Lansing Place

Lansing Street

Laurel Avenue

Laurel Place

Lawn Street

Lealand Street

Lee Avenue

Leighton Drive

Lenox Avenue

Leonard Drive

Lewis Place

Lewis Street

Lexington Avenue

Liberty Street

Lincoln Avenue

Lincoln Boulevard

Linda Drive

Linden Avenue

Lindley Street

Lindley Street Ext.

Linen Avenue

Linwood Avenue

Little Deer Road

Livingston Place

Livingston Street

Lloyd Street

Loftus Circle

Logan Street

Loretta Place

Lorraine Street

Lorraine Terrace

Louisiana Avenue

Lourmel Street

Luther Street

Lycett Street

Lynn Place

Lyon Terrace

Macon Drive

Madison Terrace

Magnolia Street

Manila Place

Manila Street

Maple Street

Mapledale Place

Maplewood Avenue

Marcel Street

Marcy Road

Marigold Avenue

Marilyn Drive

Marion Street

Marsdale Street

Martin Street

May Street

Maybrook Road

McKinley Avenue

Mead Street

Melborne Street

Melrose Avenue

Mencel Circle

Merchant Street

Merriam Street

Merritt Street

Midland Street

Miles Street

Mill Hill Avenue

Minnesota Avenue

Minturn Place

Minturn Road

Moffitt Street

Monroe Street

Montgomery Street

Morehouse Street

Morgan Avenue

Mt. Grove Street

Mountford Street

Myron Avenue

Myrtle Avenue

Nancy Drive

Nash Lane

Nelson Terrace

Newton Street

Nichols Street

Nob Hill Circle

Norland Avenue

Norman Street

Norman Street Ext.

North Anthony Street

North Bishop Avenue

Northfield Drive

Northfield Street

North Quarry Street

North Ridgefield Avenue

North Washington Avenue

Nutmeg Road

Oak Street

Oakdale Street

Oakview Circle

Oakwood Street

Ocean Avenue

Ocean Terrace

Ogden Street

Ogden Street Ext.

Ohio Avenue

Olive Street

Oliver Street

Oman Street

Omega Street

Ondek Street

Orange Street

Orchard Street

Organ Street

Orland Street

Ortega Avenue

Osborne Street

Overland Avenue

Oxbrook Road

Oxford Street

Pacific Street

Palm Street

Palmetto Road

Parallel Street

Park Street

Park Terrace

Parkview Avenue

Parrott Avenue

Pasadena Place

Patterson Street

Paul Street

Pearl Street

Pearl Harbor Circle

Pearl Harbor Place

Pearl Harbor Street

Pearsall Place

Pearsall Way

Peet Street

Pembroke Street

Pennsylvania Avenue

Pequonnock Street

Perronette Street

Perth Street

Peter Street

Petrie Street

Phillips Street

Pierce Avenue

Pilgrim Road

Pine Street

Pitt Street

Pixlee Place

Plateau Avenue

Platt Place

Platt Street

Plattsville Road

Pleasantview Avenue

Poland Street

Polk Street

Pomham Road

Pond Street

Poplar Street

Porter Street

Post Street

Powell Place

Powell Terrace

Prescott Street

Price Street

Primrose Avenue

Prince Street

Princeton Street

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Street

Putnam Street

Queen Street

Querida Avenue

Quince Street

Quinlan Avenue

Quinsey Drive

Radel Street

Raleigh Road

Ranch Drive

Randall Avenue

Red Oak Road

Redding Place

Regency Street

Regent Street

Remer Street

Remington Street

Rennell Street

Renwick Drive

Renzy Avenue

Revere Street

Richardson Street

Richfield Road

Ridge Avenue

Ridgebrook Drive

Ridgefield Avenue

Ridgevale Place

Ridgewood Place

Riparian Street

River Street

Robin Street

Rockingham Street

Rockland Street

Rocton Avenue

Rocton Place

Roger Williams Road

Rodgerson Circle

Ronald Circle

Roosevelt Street

Rosalie Drive

Rose Street

Roselle Street

Rosemary Drive

Rosewood Place

Royce Place

Rusling Place

Russell Road

Russell Street

Russo Terrace

Ruth Street

Ryon Street

Sage Avenue

St. Mathias Street

St. Nicholas Drive

St. Stephen's Road

St. Stephen's Street

Salem Street

Sampson Street

Sanford Avenue

Saunders Avenue

Savoy Street

Saxton Drive

School Street

Scofield Avenue

Seaside Avenue

Seaside Court

Seaver Circle

Seaview Terrace

Sedgwick Street

Seely Street

Seymour Street

Shell Street

Shelton Street

Sheridan Street

Sherman Street

Sherwood Avenue

Short Street

Shultz Street

Sidney Street

Siemon Street

Silliman Place

Silliman Street

Silver Street

Sixth Street

Smith Street

Somers Street

Soundview Avenue

South Avenue

Spring Street

Springdale Street

Spruce Street

Staples Street

Stilliman Street

Stoehr Place

Stoneridge Road

Strand Street

Stratfield Place

Sturtevant Place

Suburban Avenue

Success Avenue

Summerfield Avenue

Sunburst Road

Sunnydale Road

Sunrise Terrace

Sylvan Street

Taft Avenue

Tarinelli Circle

Terry Place

Tesiny Circle

Texas Avenue

Third Street

Thompson Street

Thorne Street

Thurston Street

Tina Circle

Toilsome Place

Tom Thumb Street

Toni Place

Tremont Avenue

Trelane Drive

Trojan Drive

Trowell Street

Troy Street

Truman Street

Trumbull Road

Tudor Street

Tully Circle

Turner Street

Twitchell Street

Union Avenue

University Avenue

Unquowa Hill Street

Up Street

Valley Avenue

Vanguard Street

Velvet Street

Victory Street

Vincelette Street

Vine Street

Virginia Avenue

Voight Avenue

Wade Street

Wake Street

Wakeman Street

Waldorf Avenue

Wall Street

Wallace Street

Waller Road

Walnut Street

Washburn Street

Washington Terrace

Water Street

Waterman Street

Waterview Avenue

Waverly Place

Wayne Street

Weber Avenue

Webster Street

Wedgewood Place

Wells Street

Wentworth Street

Wessels Avenue

West Avenue

West Jackson Avenue

West Morgan Avenue

West Parkway

West Taft Avenue

Westfield Avenue

Westmere Street

Wetmore Road

Wheeler Avenue

While Street

White Oak Road

Whiting Street

Whitney Avenue

Whittier Street

Wilcox Street

Wilkins Avenue

William Street

Williston Street

Willow Street

Wilmot Avenue

Wilmot Place

Wilson Street

Windsor Street

Wing Street

Winton Street

Wood Avenue

Woodbine Circle

Woodland Avenue

Woodlawn Avenue

Woodmere Road

Woodmont Avenue

Woodrow Avenue

Woodside Avenue

Wordin Avenue

Worth Street

Yacht Street

Yale Street

Yaremich Drive.

C. No tractor with trailer, tractor or any commercial vehicle which weighs ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more excluding its load shall be permitted to park or stand upon either side of the public highways set forth in subsection B of this section between the hours of eleven p.m. and six a.m.

(Prior code § 20-33)

10.12.040 Exceptions to all-night parking restrictions.

Nothing in this chapter relating to all-night parking restrictions shall be construed as prohibiting clergymen, physicians or emergency cars or any person operating authorized emergency vehicles, while engaged in their duties, from parking a vehicle upon the occasion of any emergency.

(Prior code § 20-34)

10.12.050 Authority of mayor to suspend all-night parking restrictions.

The mayor of the city shall have the power to suspend the operation of this chapter relating to all-night parking by proclamation and the declaration by him of an emergency.

(Prior code § 20-35)

10.12.060 Nighttime parking Penalties.

A. Any person who shall receive a notice from the police department of the city to appear at the office of police headquarters to the effect that his vehicle was parked in violation of Sections 10.12.030 through 10.12.050 of this chapter, except for subsection B of this section, shall pay to the clerk of the police department the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00).

B. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association which has registered in his or its name any tractor with trailer, tractor, or any commercial vehicle which weighs ten thousand (10,000) pounds or more excluding its load which was parked in violation of Sections 10.12.030 through 10.12.050 of this chapter, who shall receive a notice from the police department of the city to appear at the office of police headquarters to the effect that his vehicle was parked contrary to those sections shall pay the clerk of the police department the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115.00).

C. In the event any person, firm, corporation, partnership or association fails to comply within fourteen (14) days from the date of issuance thereof, such person shall pay an additional sum as indicated herein:

1. A violation of thirty dollars (\$30.00) increases to sixty dollars (\$60.00) per violation.

2. A violation of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) increases to seventy dollars (\$70.00) per violation.

3. A violation of one hundred and fifteen dollars (\$115.00) increases to two hundred and thirty dollars (\$230.00) per violation.

(Ord. dated 7/5/05: prior code § 20-36)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08; Ord. dated 2/2/09)

10.12.070 Presumption of liability of owner.

In any prosecution or proceeding under Title 10 of this code, the registration plate displayed on the motor of the vehicle shall constitute in evidence prima facie presumption that the owner of such vehicle, or his agent with his permission, was the person who parked such vehicle at the place where such violation occurred.

(Prior code § 20-38)

10.12.080 Illegal parking in a bus zone.

- A. No person driving or controlling a vehicle shall stop or park or cause or permit the same to be stopped or parked within an established bus stop zone.
- B. Violators of this section shall be fined forty-five dollars (\$45.00) payable to the department of police within fourteen (14) days. Violators who fail to pay within this period shall be fined an additional penalty of forty-five dollars (\$45.00).

(Prior code § 20-39)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08)

10.12.090 Parking unlocked motor vehicles.

- A. It is unlawful for any person operating or in charge of a motor vehicle to leave it unattended on any street, alley, used car lot or unattended parking lot without stopping the engine, locking the ignition and removing the keys.
- B. Whenever any police officer of the city shall find any motor vehicle standing in violation of the foregoing conditions, he shall remove the keys and deliver such keys to the officer in charge at police headquarters to be held for and returned to such operator. The officer shall attach to the vehicle a tag stating where the keys may be claimed, and a duplicate of such tag shall be attached to the keys.
- C. The registered owner of a vehicle found in violation of this section shall be presumed to be responsible for any such violation.
- D. Any person violating this section shall be fined thirty dollars (\$30.00).

(Prior code § 21-21)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08)

10.12.100 Wintertime alternate side of the street parking.

- A. 1. For the purpose of facilitating the plowing and/or removal of snow and ice, and to prevent the obstruction of traffic in time of snow and/or ice accumulation upon the public streets of the city, as declared by the mayor, alternate side of the street parking shall take effect and Section 10.12.030 of this chapter, "All-night parking restrictions Streets designated," shall be temporarily suspended.

2. Alternate side of the street parking shall mean that vehicles shall be allowed to stand or park on the even-numbered side of the street between the hours of seven a.m. of the day bearing an even-numbered calendar date to seven a.m. of the following day; and on the odd-numbered side of the street between the hours of seven a.m. of the day bearing an odd-numbered calendar date to seven a.m. of the following day.

B. Vehicles Subject to Towing. Any vehicle found to be standing or parked on any street designated, pursuant to this section, shall be issued a parking ticket and/or removed by towing at the discretion of the police department.

C. Impoundment of Vehicle. Each vehicle, having been so removed, shall continue to be impounded until the towing, storage charges and fine, as determined by the police department, shall have been paid by the owner or person entitled to possession of such vehicle. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a clergyman, physician or utility serviceman from parking a vehicle on any side of the street in the city while engaged in the performance of his/her duties during an emergency.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part); Ord. dated 9/7/94 (part): prior code § 20-94)

10.12.110 Street sweeping Alternate side of the street parking.

A. Principal Thoroughfares. For the purpose of facilitating the maintenance of principal thoroughfares and certain other public streets in the city, alternate side of the street parking shall take effect and Section 10.12.030 of this chapter, entitled "All-night parking restrictions Streets designated" shall be temporarily suspended. "Alternate side of the street parking" for purposes of subsection A of this section that all vehicles are prohibited from standing or parking between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight through seven a.m. on the following streets and ways:

1. Designated snow streets, as defined in Section 10.28.050;
2. State highways having snow emergency signage; and
3. Such other roads and ways as the director of public facilities in his/her discretion may determine to be necessary to further the purposes hereof so long as such roads and ways are provided with temporary or permanent signage;

Except as follows:

- a. In the area of the city west of the Pequonnock River and north of North Avenue (Route 1), including North Avenue, from the first through the tenth days of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight through seven a.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-

numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street-sweeping purposes.

b. In the area of the city west of the Pequonnock River and south of North Avenue (Route 1), but not including North Avenue, from the eleventh through the twentieth days of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight through seven a.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street-sweeping purposes.

c. In the area of the city east of the Pequonnock River, from the twenty-first through the last day of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of twelve (12:00) midnight through seven a.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street-sweeping purposes.

B. Residential Streets. On all other streets in the city, "alternate side of the street parking" for purposes of subsection B of this section means that all vehicles are prohibited from standing or parking between the hours of seven a.m. through four p.m., except as follows:

1. In the area of the city west of the Pequonnock River and north of North Avenue (Route 1), including North Avenue, from the first through the tenth days of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of seven a.m. through four p.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street-sweeping purposes.

2. In the area of the city west of the Pequonnock River and south of North Avenue (Route 1), but not including North Avenue, from the eleventh through the twentieth days of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of seven a.m. through four p.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street sweeping purposes.

3. In the area of the city east of the Pequonnock River from the twenty-first through the last day of every month, parking or standing is permitted between the hours of seven a.m. through four p.m. on the even-numbered side of such streets on even-numbered days during such period, and parking or standing is permitted on the odd-numbered side of such streets on odd-numbered days during such period. During the remaining days of the month, parking or standing is not restricted for street-sweeping purposes.

C. Exception for Clergymen, Physicians, Emergency Vehicles, United States Mail Vehicles and

Handicapped Persons. Nothing in this chapter relating to alternate side of the street parking restrictions shall be construed as prohibiting, while engaged in their duties, clergymen, physicians, emergency cars or any person operating authorized emergency vehicles upon the occasion of any emergency, United States mail vehicles, or handicapped persons in vehicles having an authorized handicapped sticker while in a valid handicapped parking space, from parking a vehicle on the affected streets.

D. Appeal Process. In the event that, due to exigent circumstances, for example, the lack of off-street parking, inadequate nearby parking, or other conditions creating an extreme hardship, at least fifty (50) percent of the adult residents of a city street block (measured from the corner of one intersecting street to the corner of another intersecting street) may petition the director of public facilities to exempt such street from all or any portion of subsection B of this section provided that an alternative plan is presented and accepted that will satisfy the objectives of the ordinance codified in this section.

E. Vehicles Subject to Towing. Any vehicle found to be standing or parking on any street designated herein on prohibited days and times shall be issued a parking ticket and/or removed by towing at the discretion of the police department.

F. Impoundment of Vehicle. Such vehicle, having been so removed, shall continue to be impounded until the towing, storage charges and fine, as determined by the police department, shall have been paid by the owner or person entitled to possession of such vehicle.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.12.120 Parking violation appeals.

A. Administrative Appeal.

1. Any operator or owner of a vehicle which has been cited under this title may submit a written request for an administrative appeal to the chief of police or his designee of the issuance of such citation within a designated appeal period of not more than fourteen (14) days from the date of the citation.

2. The chief of police or his designee shall establish and publish notices indicating the procedures to request administrative appeal under subsection (A)(1) of this section and shall cause notice of appeal rights to be printed on each violation notice issued.

3. Payment of the penalty/fine shall be stayed pending the administrative appeal. Payment of the penalty/fine shall be made within fourteen (14) days of mailing of finding of the administrative appeal unless a finding was made in favor of the appellant or the appellant has elected to proceed under subsection B of this section.

4. Any person who has requested administrative appeal shall be notified in writing within forty-five (45) days of the issuance of the citation, of the findings relative to the appeal. If dissatisfied with such

finding, a formal hearing may be requested by submitting a written request to the chief of police or his designee within fourteen (14) days of such finding of the administrative appeal in accordance with subsection B of this section.

B. Formal Hearing Procedure Parking Violations Hearing Officer.

1. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-152b, as amended, the mayor shall appoint, with the approval of the common council, one or more parking violations hearing officer(s) (the "officer").

a. Officer(s) shall not be employed by the police department. Officer(s) shall serve for a term of two years or part thereof, which term shall commence from date of approval by the common council and shall end on December 31st of every even year. Officer(s) may be compensated by the city with the funds appropriated for this purpose as recommended by the mayor and approved by the common council.

2. Officer(s) shall be empowered to hear appeals from the issuance of parking violation citations or as otherwise provided in this section.

C. Any person or owner of a vehicle cited pursuant to this title may request a formal hearing before officer(s) within fourteen (14) days of any of the following events:

1. Issuance of a parking violation citation;
2. Issuance of adverse findings in administrative appeal;
3. First issuance of notice of delinquency of parking violation citation.

D. Hearing procedure shall comply with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-152b, as amended.

1. In scheduling formal appeal hearings, the appellant shall be notified by mail of the place and time of the hearing. Such notice shall be provided at least fifteen (15) days but not more than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.

2. The procedure for the hearing shall be informal as to the rules of evidence, but testimony shall be taken under oath or affirmation.

3. In considering an appeal, the hearing officer may consider all relevant facts and circumstances and may require personal appearance of the appellant and issuing officer.

4. Should the officer find in favor of the appellant, he shall so certify to the police department and the record of the citation shall be removed from the files of the city.

5. Should the officer find the issuance of the citation proper, he shall so certify to the police department and no further appeal under this section shall be considered, either administrative or formal.

6. If such penalty is not paid on the date of its entry, the city may proceed to enforce the penalty pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-152b and/or 14-33, as amended.

(Prior code § 20-37)

10.12.130 Delinquent parking ticket limited amnesty.

A. The mayor may declare an amnesty of the delinquent parking ticket additional penalty set forth in Sections 10.12.010(C), 10.12.060(C) and 10.12.080(B) of this chapter. Such amnesty may be declared once each fiscal year, and shall not exceed twenty-one (21) days duration.

B. The amnesty shall only be applicable for the voluntary payment of delinquent parking ticket(s) and shall not be applicable for any delinquent parking ticket for which the city has commenced its collection process.

(Ord. dated 5/2/05)

Chapter 10.16 PARKING METERS

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10.16.010 Definitions.

The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

"Parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a highway otherwise than temporarily for the purpose of, and while actually engaged in, receiving or discharging passengers or loading or unloading merchandise or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.

"Parking meter space" means any space within a parking meter zone which is adjacent to a parking meter and which is duly designated for the parking of a single vehicle.

"Street" means any public street, avenue, road, boulevard, highway or other public place located in the city and established for the use of vehicles.

"Vehicle" means any device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported upon a highway, except a device which is operated upon rails or tracks.

(Prior code § 20-46)

10.16.020 Authority of board of police commissioners to establish zones.

The board of police commissioners is authorized and empowered, as the volume and conditions of traffic on the streets of the city may require, to establish zones to be known as parking meter zones.

(Prior code § 20-47)

10.16.030 Establishment of time limits, etc.

The board of police commissioners shall cause parking meters to be installed in the parking meter zones established pursuant to Section 10.16.020, cause parking meter spaces to be designated as provided in this chapter, and shall fix the time limitations for legal parking in such zones, not inconsistent with the time limitations of the regulations and ordinances now or hereafter in force and effect in the city.

(Prior code § 20-48)

10.16.040 Installation, maintenance and control.

A. The board of police commissioners is authorized and empowered to provide for the installation, regulation, control, operation and use of the parking meters authorized in this chapter and to maintain such meters in good workable condition.

B. The board of police commissioners shall enter into a contract for the installation of parking meters; provided, however, that the payment for such meters and installations shall be made solely from the receipts, funds and revenues obtained from the operation of such parking meters, without in any manner obligating the city to pay for the same from any other source whatsoever, all subject and pursuant to a resolution concerning temporary installation of parking meters adopted by the common council at its meeting of January 15, 1940. After their installation, all parking meters and their maintenance and control shall be under the jurisdiction and supervision of the board of police commissioners.

(Prior code § 20-49)

10.16.050 Fee.

A. The hourly fee for the use of each parking meter space shall be set by the board of police commissioners as the traffic authority of the city.

B. A contractor or other like party may rent a parking meter space or spaces on a daily needed basis, for a fee set by the board of police commissioners as the traffic authority of the city.

C. The schedule of parking meter fees set by the board of police commissioners as the traffic authority of the city shall be submitted to the city council for its review and approval. If the city council does not approve the schedule of parking meter fees, it so shall advise the board of police commissioners in writing, which shall submit an amended schedule of parking meter fees within sixty (60) days of the date of written transmittal from the city council. If the board of police commissioners fails to submit an amended schedule of parking meter fees within sixty (60) days, the city council may adopt a schedule of parking meter fees.

(Ord. dated 6/6/05; Ord. dated 10/7/03)

10.16.060 Placement and legend.

Parking meters installed in the parking meter zones established as provided in this chapter shall be placed upon the curb immediately adjacent to the individual parking meter spaces. Each parking meter shall be placed or set in such manner as to show or display by a signal that the parking meter space adjacent to such meter is or is not legally in use. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by a proper legend the limit of legal parking time established as provided in this chapter, the fee required to be deposited therein and when operated shall indicate on and by its dial and pointer the duration of the period of legal parking; and, upon the expiration of such period, shall indicate illegal parking.

(Prior code § 20-51)

10.16.070 Marking of spaces.

The board of police commissioners is directed to have lines or markings painted or placed upon the curb and/or upon the street adjacent to each parking meter for the purpose of designating the parking meter space for which such meter is to be used, and each vehicle parked adjacent or next to any parking meter shall park within the lines or markings so established.

(Prior code § 20-52)

10.16.080 Vehicles to be parked within marked spaces.

It is unlawful and a violation of this chapter to park any vehicle across any parking meter space line or marking or to park such vehicle in such a position that the same shall not be entirely within the area so designated by such lines or markings.

(Prior code § 20-53)

10.16.090 Manner of parking in spaces.

Exception: Areas where two meters are on one pole. Meters in these areas shall have arrows indicating the correct meter for each space. In these areas some vehicles must be parked with the rearmost part of the vehicle nearest to such meter.

(Ord. dated 6/6/05: prior code § 20-54)

10.16.100 Deposit of coin or any other form of payment approved by the police board of commissioners and the city council required Overtime parking Parking adjacent to expired meter.

A. When any vehicle shall be parked in any parking meter space, the operator of such vehicle shall, upon entering such parking meter space, immediately deposit, or cause to be deposited, in such parking meter such coin of the United States or any other form of payment approved by the police board of commissioners and the city council as is designated for deposit therein on such parking meter in accordance with the terms of this chapter, and failure to deposit such coin or any other form of payment approved by the police board of commissioners and the city council shall be a violation of this chapter and shall subject such person to the penalty prescribed in Section 10.16.150. Upon the deposit of such coin or any other form of payment approved by the police board of commissioners and the city council and placing such meter in operation, the parking meter space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of parking time prescribed for said parking meter space. If such vehicle shall remain parked in any such parking meter space beyond the parking time limit fixed for such parking meter space, the parking meter shall indicate such illegal parking in which case such vehicle shall be considered as parked overtime and beyond the period of legal parking time established for any parking meter space.

(Ord. dated 7/2/07: prior code § 20-55)

10.16.110 Use of slugs prohibited.

It is unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter to deposit or cause to be deposited in any parking meter, any slug, device or metallic substitute for a coin of the United States.

(Prior code § 20-56)

10.16.120 Defacing, tampering with meters.

It is unlawful and a violation of the provisions of this chapter for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, open or wilfully damage, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter installed under the provisions of this chapter. Every person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1.12 of this code.

(Prior code § 20-57)

10.16.130 Purpose of required deposit.

The coins required to be deposited in parking meters as provided in this chapter are charged and assessed as fees to provide for the proper regulation and control of traffic upon the public streets; the cost of supervising and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created by this chapter; and to cover the cost of the purchase, supervision, protection, inspection, installation, operation, maintenance, control and use of the parking meters described in this chapter.

(Prior code § 20-58)

10.16.140 Violation reports.

A. It shall be the duty of the members of the police department of the city to report to their commanding officers:

1. The number of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter;
2. The state registration number of such vehicle;
3. Any other facts, a knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.

B. Each such officer shall also attach to such vehicle a notice to the owner thereof that such vehicle has been parked in violation of a provision of this chapter and directing such owner to report to the desk officer of the police precinct in which such violation occurred in regard to such violation. Each such owner shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the time when such notice was attached to such vehicle, pay or cause to be paid to such desk officer as a penalty for and in full satisfaction of such violation a sum as prescribed in Section 10.12.060 of this title. The failure of such owner to make such payment as aforesaid, within such twenty-four-hour period shall make him liable to the penalties provided for in Section 10.16.150 for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

(Prior code § 20-59)

10.16.150 Penalty.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, every person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Prior code § 20-60)

Chapter 10.20 TOWING

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10.20.010 Purpose of chapter.

The purpose of this chapter is to define the criteria and procedure for the towing of certain motor vehicles by the Bridgeport police department and to establish procedures to be followed when such towing services are required by police personnel.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 1.0)

10.20.020 Policy.

A. A three-member committee of the board of police commissioners ("board") appointed by the president of the board and known as the towing committee will oversee the towing operations and formulate and oversee procedures for management by the board.

B. The chief of police or his designee (the "chief of police") shall be the managing authority over the day-to-day towing operations conducted by the department pursuant to these regulations.

C. The administrative services commander or his designee (the "administrative services commander") shall be the oversight authority for the towing of vehicles conducted in compliance with these regulations.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 2.0)

10.20.030 Application of chapter.

A. These regulations are intended to and shall govern towing of motor vehicles in the following classifications whether or not involved in an accident:

1. Parking violations;
2. Unregistered motor vehicles;
3. Incidental to a criminal investigation;
4. Incidental to an arrest;
5. Recovery of a stolen vehicle;

6. Suspected stolen vehicle;
7. Trespassing on private property;
8. Hold as evidence;
9. Discretionary circumstances as determined by the chief of police.

B. For the purposes of these regulations, "motor vehicle" is defined as an automobile, van, light truck, motorcycle or similar vehicle only. These regulations do not pertain to the towing, servicing, repair or storage of buses, large trucks, other commercial carriers or similar vehicles which are normally serviced by their own and/or heavy duty tow vehicles.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 3.0)

10.20.040 Police administrative procedure.

A. Chief of police from time to time shall adopt appropriate departmental orders or amend existing departmental orders as appropriate and necessary to implement these regulations. All such orders shall be reported to the board of police commissioners ("board").

B. All requests for towing services covered by these regulations shall be made by police personnel through the department's communications and dispatch center ("CAD") and shall be assigned to the appropriate tower on the municipal heavy duty towers list as determined by these regulations except urgent circumstances that warrant immediate attention.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 4.0)

10.20.050 Municipal towers list.

A. The chief of police shall prepare and maintain a list of towers who may perform those municipal towing services provided for in these regulations which will be known as the "municipal towers list" ("list").

B. The municipal towers list shall include those licensed towers whose place of business is located in the city who properly apply for inclusion in accordance with these regulations and who meet the minimum standards and criteria set forth in this chapter.

C. A tower will not be permitted to operate a towing service under more than one company name out of the same location.

D. No person, corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity shall be allowed to hold, directly or indirectly, more than one place on the towers list. In applying this prohibition, an individual shall be presumed to hold a place on the towers list whenever he or she, or any member of their immediate family owns an interest in or is employed by any person, corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity holding a place on the towers list. In the instance of corporations, this requirement shall not be met if more than one entity within a "controlled group of corporations" as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 1563) is on the list. Members of board of police commissioners and the Bridgeport police department are strictly prohibited from having financial interest in any corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity having a place on the towers list. The police department may require any entity on the list or any applicant to disclose such information as may be required by the police department to determine compliance with these requirements. Failure to provide such information may be the basis for removal from the towers list or denial of application for appointment or renewal to the list. An intentional violation of this section may result in the removal of all entities within the controlled group of corporation of the violator.

E. The tower shall accept payment for towing and/or storage by at least one major credit card.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 5.0)

10.20.060 Qualified towers General requirements.

A. Must have state of Connecticut used or new car dealer license or state of Connecticut motor vehicle repairer's license pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66.

B. Place of business must be located within boundaries of the city and must be in compliance with all pertinent state and local laws and regulations shall be identified and set forth in writing to the chief of police within twenty-four (24) hours.

C. All principles of a tower and changes in ownership or registration thereto

D. Tower must pay two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$2,750.00) by certified or cashier check to the city as a nonrefundable fee together with its application.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.1)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08)

10.20.070 Qualified towers Equipment.

A. Tower shall have a minimum of two suitable radio-equipped tow trucks on duty.

B. The tower shall, in addition, have a minimum of one flat bed truck or other vehicle capable of towiung vehicles stripped of wheels.

C. Each tow truck will be lettered on both sides of the vehicle depicting the name of the tower and its telephone number. Lettering will be a minimum of three inches high and will be maintained in a clean legible condition.

D. Each tow truck will be maintained in good condition and will be subject to inspection at any time by the police department. Results of any inspection shall be forwarded to the chief of police.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.2)

10.20.080 Qualified towers Storage space.

A. The tower shall provide suitable on site secure outdoor storage space sufficient to accommodate all vehicles towed by the towing service, completely enclosed by metal fencing at least eight feet high and with suitable lighting.

B. The tower shall have additional indoor secure storage sufficient to accommodate those vehicles requiring indoor storage as evidenced by the condition of the vehicle and/or specifically requested by the Bridgeport police department.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.3)

10.20.090 Qualified towers Operations.

A. The tower shall be operational twenty-four (24) hours per day seven days a week for release of vehicles at no additional cost to its owner and/or operator.

B. The tower shall have and maintain the necessary means for direct telephone contact at all times so to assure compliance with the regulations and procedures set forth in this chapter.

C. The tower shall have qualified tow vehicle operators available to respond to any calls at all times of the day under all weather conditions.

D. The tower shall provide written notification to the vehicle owner and/or operator of the location of the vehicle and charges to date within seventy-two (72) hours of towing and storage. The tower shall furnish proof of such notification to the chief of police on demand.

E. The tower will be responsible for the removal of glass and/or debris from the scene of the tow.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.4)

10.20.100 Qualified towers Personnel.

A. Tower shall provide and update monthly as to any changes to a list of all its employees including a photocopy of the Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and Social Security number.

B. All tow truck operators must:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
2. Possess the requisite valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license;
3. Have no felony conviction;
4. Be physically fit for the proper and safe operation of tow trucks;
5. Be a competent operator of the tow truck, and be knowledgeable with the motor and mechanical features of the tow truck and may be required to demonstrate such skills upon demand by the chief of police.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.5)

10.20.110 Qualified towers Insurance.

Each tower shall procure and maintain in effect the following insurance coverages with insurers licensed or approved to conduct business in the state of Connecticut and holding a current financial rating in the A.M. Best & Company satisfactory to the City:

A. Commercial General Liability. Insurance against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury, personal injury or damages of property and claimed to have arisen out of operations conducted pursuant to these regulations. Coverage shall be broad enough to include premises and operations, contingent liability, contractual liability, fire legal liability and care, custody and control.

B. Business Automobile.

1. Insuring against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property and claimed to have arisen out of the use of owned, hired or nonowned vehicles in connection with operations under this agreement. Coverage shall be broad enough to include:

a. Limits of liability shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence, annual

aggregate, bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property.

C. Policies under both subsections A and B of this section shall be endorsed to include the following:

1. Additional named insured naming the city of Bridgeport and any department or agency of the city as an additional insured, as their interest may appear.
2. Knowledge of occurrence Standard wording.
3. Notice of occurrence Standard wording.

D. Worker's Compensation and Employees Liability. Insuring in accordance with statutory requirements in order to meet obligations towards employees in the event of injury or death sustained in the course of employment. Employers liability (Coverage B) shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each claim.

E. Notice of Cancellation. In the event of nonrenewal or cancellation tower's insurer shall give written notice to the City of Bridgeport, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT., Attention: Office of Risk Management, indicating that such cancellation or nonrenewal shall not be effective in less than sixty (60) days from when notice is received by registered mail.

F. Certificate of Insurance. Prior to eligibility to perform towing services hereunder a properly authorized certificate of insurance evidencing that the foregoing described coverages are in effect including the required minimum notice of cancellation with elimination of the verbage "will endeavor." Further, prior to acceptance, the certificate shall clearly show:

1. Description of operations;
2. Location (exact as possible);
3. City/department as additional insured.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.6)

10.20.120 Tower not an agent of city.

Each tower is an independent contractor and is not an officer, employee, servant or agent of the city. No tower shall represent that it, its agents and/or employees are the agents, officers, servants and/or employees of the city.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.7)

10.20.130 Indemnification of city.

Each participating tower agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the city, its agencies, boards, commissions, departments, agents, employees, servants, officers and officials from any and all claims, liabilities and obligations and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature for injury to or death of any person, including, but not limited to, tower's employees and for damages to or destruction of property, or loss of use, including property of the city, resulting in connection with activities under or pursuant to services performed pursuant to these regulations regardless of cause except that tower shall not be required to assume responsibility or indemnify city for such injuries, damages or claims deemed by law to be due to the sole negligence of the city, its employees or agents. All participating towers as a condition of their eligibility shall execute all agreements or other documents as deemed appropriate and necessary from time to time by the city's risk manager and/or city attorney.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 6.8)

10.20.140 Fees.

A. Fees for towing and storing any vehicle pursuant to these regulations shall not exceed those rates set by the State Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles. Approved towing rates shall be posted in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"). Vehicles will be stored in accordance with DMV regulations.

B. In addition, the tower, together with collecting its own towing and storage fees, will collect for the city and pay to the city within ten days of collection an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per tow.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 7.0)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08)

10.20.150 Use of towers list.

A. The approved towers list shall be valid from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter until these regulations are revoked or amended by the board and the common council of the city pursuant to the pertinent city ordinance so as to otherwise provide. Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications set forth in this chapter and who file the appropriate application with the Bridgeport police department will be assigned to the list.

B. Towers shall rotate on a per tow basis.

C. The towers shall at all times keep and maintain records of each municipal towing service rendered

including the date and nature thereof pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66b. On or before twelve noon each Thursday the towers shall deliver to the Bridgeport police department a report of all towing activity for the prior calendar week performed pursuant to these regulations on forms provided by the department.

D. Towers shall be dispatched to provide services by C.A.D.

E. No tower on the municipal towers list or otherwise shall go to the scene of motor vehicle(s) defined by Section 10.20.030(B) which are stolen and/or involved in police arrests or other incidents covered by these regulations unless dispatched to the scene by an authorized member of the department of police or by C.A.D.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 8.0)

10.20.160 Assignment of towers.

A. When in the opinion of the officer detailed to investigate the scene of stolen motor vehicle(s) and/or motor vehicle(s) involved in police arrests, or other incident governed by these regulations, the services of a tower are needed, the C.A.D shall be notified.

B. The C.A.D dispatcher shall phone each tower in accordance with the municipal towers list.

C. Failure to respond at the scene of a stolen motor vehicle(s) and/or motor vehicle(s) involved in police arrests or other incident governed by these regulations within thirty (30) minutes after being called by the police will be deemed an unreasonable delay and will be deemed a passed call and the next available tower on the list will be dispatched. More than two passed calls during any six-month period shall be deemed a violation of these regulations.

D. Towers shall not refer a call to another wrecker company or substitute another company's tow vehicle.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 9.0)

10.20.170 Removal or suspension Appeal.

A. The chief of police may, for cause, suspend or remove from the municipal towers list any licensed tower who is in violation of applicable ordinances, rules and regulations or department orders after due notice in writing to the tower and hearing before the chief of police to be held not less than three days after the date of receipt of such notice.

B. The chief of police shall take cognizance of any act, conduct or omission by those to whom these

regulations are applicable, which is prejudicial, offensive or detrimental to the best interests of the public, although not specifically mentioned in these regulations or the police department regulations and may, as a result, suspend or revoke the tower's eligibility to participate on this list.

C. Any tower aggrieved by the revocation or suspension by the chief of police or his assignee may appeal such decision within fifteen (15) days from notice of such decision to the board of police commissioners who shall hear the matter at their next meeting, if possible.

D. Additional causes for suspension or removal may be, but are not limited to:

1. Violation of any statute, state of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department ("DMV") ruling, local ordinance, zoning violation, or any incident which endangers public safety;
2. Failure to respond promptly or failure to answer a call;
3. Responding with inadequate, improper or unsafe equipment;
4. Failure to provide competent, trained tow truck operators;
5. Improper or illegal treatment of motorists or overcharging for towing service;
6. Failure to cooperate with police at the scene;
7. A frequency of complaints from the public significantly higher than average; and/or
8. Conduct which may be deemed a breach of peace.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 10.0)

10.20.180 Civil rights provisions.

The tower agrees and warrants that in the performance under this agreement it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, sex, mental retardation or physical disability including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the tower that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and further agrees to provide the commission on human rights and opportunities with such information requested by the commission concerning the employment practices and procedures of the tower as related to the provisions of Section 4-114a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 11.0)

10.20.190 Complaint by owner of towed vehicle.

If the owner of a vehicle believes that the vehicle was towed, and/or charged unjustly, a complaint may be filed with the chief of police who shall conduct an investigation into the complaint. If the investigation reveals that the vehicle was towed and/or charged unjustly, the owner shall have his vehicle released to him without charge or for an amount established by the chief of police. Unjust tows, storages and charges shall include, but are not limited to, tows resultant from mistake or wrongdoing by the city, the Bridgeport police department or any of their agents, servants, officers or employees.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 12.0)

10.20.200 Termination or revision of chapter regulations.

The city may revise or terminate these regulations and procedures for any reason at any time by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the tower.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 13.0)

10.20.210 Police hold and scofflaw hold.

A. The tower agrees that the police department may order a police hold on motor vehicles and in such cases, the tower agrees to accept custody of, tow and store on its own premises any vehicle of which the police department takes custody pursuant to its investigatory or evidence-collecting authorities and which the police department entrusts for custodial purposes, to the tower. The tower will release any such vehicle only upon written authorization of the police department. The tower shall charge a nominal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for daily storage of the vehicle.

B. 1. The tower agrees that the police department may order a scofflaw hold on motor vehicles delinquent on parking fines. In such cases, the tower agrees to accept custody of, tow and store on its own premises, any vehicles of which the police department has custody.

2. The tower will release any such vehicle only upon written authorization of the police department. Upon release, the tower shall collect at his storage area, all towing and administrative fees as well as any accrued storage charges.

3. The city shall not be liable for any storage fees under these conditions. Any storage fees charged to the owner of the vehicle shall be in accordance with the regulations of the DMV.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 14.0)

10.20.220 Services rendered to Bridgeport police department.

A. Investigative and Evidential Storage. The tower shall provide short-term interior storage at a nominal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day for vehicles held in pending criminal cases for whatever cause, for up to twenty (20) days and will, upon request, tow any such vehicle to another site within the city without charge.

B. The tower shall provide a road repair and emergency service and towing of vehicles of the Bridgeport police department in a timely manner on a rotational basis for a fee of forty dollars (\$40.00) per call.

C. The tower, to facilitate post-towing inspections for vehicle identification numbers and accident reconstruction shall provide at no charge to the city on-site: movement of vehicles to lifts, tools, air-guns, lifts and other equipment, and personnel which are necessary to aid in the investigation by police department personnel.

D. When a vehicle is towed to the police garage for evidentiary processing and then towed to the tower's storage facility for storage, the owner of the vehicle shall be charged for a single hook-up and tow. The storage charges shall only begin to accrue from the time that the vehicle is on the storage premises of the tower for more than eight hours.

(Ord. dated 5/1/06; Ord. dated 2/2/98; Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 15.0)

10.20.230 Miscellaneous provisions.

A. In the case of an emergency or reasonable exigent circumstances the Bridgeport police department and its agents, servants, officials and employees reserve the right to disregard the list in obtaining the services of a tower.

B. These regulations may from time to time be amended by the board of police commissioners and any such amendments shall become effective upon approval by the common council.

C. A copy of these regulations and any amendments thereto will be provided to each tower on the list. Each tower must sign that he has read, understands and consents to the provisions of these regulations and any amendments thereof.

D. Each tower shall be required to maintain a sufficient operational capacity to accept and respond to all calls from the Bridgeport police department for towing services in a timely manner during his rotation.

E. Each tower applicant shall first be inspected and approved by the chief of police, the administrative services commander and/or the city's department of public purchases as meeting the requirements set forth in these regulations and any other pertinent rules, regulations and ordinances prior to inclusion on the list.

F. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be equipped and operated as provided by law, including DMV regulations.

G. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be maintained in good condition and shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Bridgeport police department, its agent, servants, officials and employees.

H. Each tower shall be responsible for the conduct of its agents, servants, officials and/or employees governed by these regulations.

I. Each vehicle towed will be taken to the tower's storage facility unless specifically directed otherwise by the Bridgeport police department.

J. Each tower shall maintain a valid license to tow pursuant to this code including, but not limited to, Chapter 5.76 of this code.

K. The police commission, six months after the date of passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter, shall render a written report to the common council on the quality of operations of this procedure.

(Ord. dated 3/2/92 § 16.0)

Chapter 10.22 HEAVY DUTY TOWING

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10.22.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to define the criteria and procedure for the towing of certain motor vehicles by the Bridgeport police department and to establish procedures to be followed when such towing services are required by police personnel.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.020 Policy.

A. A three member committee of the board of police commissioners (board) appointed by the president of the board and known as the towing committee will oversee the towing operations and formulate and oversee procedures for management by the board.

B. The chief of police or his designee (the chief of police) shall be the managing authority over the day to day towing operations conducted by the department pursuant to these regulations.

C. The administrative services commander or his designee (the administrative services commander) shall be the oversight authority for the towing of vehicles conducted in compliance with these regulations.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.030 Application.

A. These regulations are intended to and shall govern towing of motor vehicles in the following classifications whether or not involved in an accident:

1. Parking violations;
2. Unregistered motor vehicles;
3. Incidental to a criminal investigation;
4. Incidental to an arrest;
5. Recovery of a stolen vehicle;
6. Suspected stolen vehicle;
7. Trespassing on private property;
8. Hold as evidence;
9. Discretionary circumstances as determined by the chief of police.

B. For the purposes of these regulations, "motor vehicle" is defined as buses, large trucks, other commercial carriers or similar vehicles which are normally serviced by heavy duty tow vehicles.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.040 Police administrative procedure.

A. Chief of police from time to time shall adopt appropriate departmental orders or amend existing departmental orders as appropriate and necessary to implement these regulations. All such orders shall be reported to the board of police commissioners (board).

B. All requests for towing services covered by these regulations shall be made by police personnel through the department's communications and dispatch center (CAD) and shall be assigned to the appropriate tower on the municipal heavy duty towers list as determined by these regulations except urgent circumstances that warrant immediate attention.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.050 Municipal towers list.

- A. The chief of police shall prepare and maintain a list of heavy duty towers who may perform those municipal towing services provided for in these regulations which will be known as the heavy duty municipal towers list (list).
- B. The municipal heavy duty towers list shall include those licensed towers whose place of business is located in the city who properly apply for inclusion in accordance with these regulations and who meet the minimum standards and criteria set forth herein.
- C. A tower will not be permitted to operate a towing service under more than one company name out of the same location.
- D. No person, corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity shall be allowed to hold, directly or indirectly, more than one place on the towers list. In applying this prohibition, an individual shall be presumed to hold a place on the towers list whenever he or she, or any member of their immediate family owns an interest in or is employed by any person, corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity holding a place on the towers list. In the instance of corporations, this requirement shall not be met if more than one entity within a controlled group of corporations as defined in Section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.C.S. 1563) is on the list. Members of board of police commissioners and the Bridgeport police department are strictly prohibited from having financial interest in any corporation, partnership, business or other legal entity having a place on the towers list. The police department may require any entity on the list or any applicant to disclose such information as may be required by the police department to determine compliance with these requirements. Failure to provide such information may be the basis for removal from the towers list or denial of application for appointment or renewal to the list. An intentional violation of this section may result in the removal of all entities within the controlled group of corporations of the violator.
- E. The tower shall accept payment for towing and/or storage by at least one major credit card.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.060 Qualified towers.

A. General Requirements.

1. Must have any and all required state licenses and permits including but not limited to state of Connecticut used or new car dealer license or state of Connecticut motor vehicle repairer's license pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66;
2. Place of business must be located within boundaries of city and must be in compliance with all pertinent state and local laws and regulations;
3. All principals of a tower and changes in ownership or registration thereto shall be identified and set

forth in writing to the chief of police within twenty-four (24) hours.

B. Equipment.

1. Tower shall have one or more suitable radio equipped heavy duty tow trucks on duty.
2. The tower shall have the prescribed equipment set forth in Appendix A attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter, on file in the office of the city clerk and incorporated herein by reference.
3. Each tow truck will be lettered on both sides of the vehicle depicting the name of the tower and its telephone number. Lettering will be a minimum of three inches high and will be maintained in a clean legible condition.
4. Each tow truck will be maintained in good condition and will be subject to inspection at any time by the police department. Results of any inspection shall be forwarded to the chief of police.

C. Storage Space.

1. The tower shall provide suitable on site secure outdoor storage space sufficient to accommodate all vehicles towed by the towing service, completely enclosed by metal fencing at least eight feet high and with suitable lighting.
2. The tower shall have additional indoor secure storage sufficient to accommodate those vehicles requiring indoor storage as evidenced by the condition of the vehicle and/or specifically requested by the Bridgeport police department.

D. Operations.

1. The tower shall be operational twenty-four (24) hours per day seven days a week for release of vehicles at no additional cost to its owner and/or operator.
2. The tower shall have and maintain the necessary means for direct telephone contact at all times so to assure compliance with the regulations and procedures set forth herein.
3. The tower shall have qualified tow vehicle operators available to respond to any calls at all times of the day under all weather conditions.
4. The tower shall provide written notification to the vehicle owner and/or operator of the location of the vehicle and charges to date within seventy-two (72) hours of towing and storage. The tower shall furnish proof of such notification to the chief of police on demand.

5. The tower will be responsible for the removal of glass and/or debris from the scene of the tow.

E. Personnel.

1. Tower shall provide and update monthly as to any changes to a list of all its employees including a photocopy of the Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and Social Security number.

2. All tow truck operators must:

a. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

b. Possess the requisite valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license;

c. Have no felony conviction;

d. Be physically fit for the proper and safe operation of tow trucks;

e. Be a competent operator of the tow truck, and be knowledgeable with the motor and mechanical features of the tow truck and may be required to demonstrate such skills upon demand by the chief of police.

F. Insurance. Each tower shall procure and maintain in effect the following insurance coverages with insurers licensed or approved to conduct business in the state of Connecticut and holding a current financial rating in the A.M. Best and Company satisfactory to the city:

1. Commercial General Liability. Insurance against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury, personal injury or damages of property and claimed to have arisen out of operations conducted pursuant to these regulations. Coverage shall be broad enough to include premises and operations, contingent liability, contractual liability, fire legal liability and care, custody and control;

2. Business Automobile. Insuring against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property and claimed to have arisen out of the use of owned, hired or nonowned vehicles in connection with operations under this agreement. Coverage shall be broad enough to include:

Limits of liability shall not be less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for each occurrence, annual aggregate, bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property,

Policies under subsections (F)(1) and (2) of this section shall be endorsed to include the following:

Additional named insured naming the city and any department or agency of the city as an additional

insured, as their interest may appear,

Knowledge of occurrence standard wording,

Notice of occurrence standard wording;

3. Worker's Compensation and Employees Liability. Insuring in accordance with statutory requirements in order to meet obligations towards employees in the event of injury or death sustained in the course of employment. Employers liability (Coverage B) shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars each claim;

4. Notice of Cancellation. In the event of nonrenewal or cancellation tower's insurer shall give written notice to the City of Bridgeport, Finance Department, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut 06604, Attention: Comptroller, Finance Department indicating that such cancellation or nonrenewal shall not be effective in less than sixty (60) days from when notice is received by registered mail;

5. Certificate of Insurance. Prior to eligibility to perform towing services hereunder a properly authorized certificate of insurance evidencing that the foregoing described coverages are in effect including the required minimum notice of cancellation with elimination of the verbage "will endeavor." Further, prior to acceptance, the certificate shall clearly show:

- a. Description of operations,
- b. Location (exact as possible),
- c. City/department as additional insured.

G. Each tower is an independent contractor and is not an officer, employee, servant or agent of the city. No tower shall represent that it, its agents and/or employees are the agents, officers, servants and/or employees of the city.

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(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.070 Fees.

A. Fees for towing any vehicle pursuant to these regulations shall not exceed those rates set by the State Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles. Approved towing rates shall be posted in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Vehicles will be stored in accordance with DMV regulations.

B. In addition, the tower, together with collecting its own towing and storage fees, will collect for the city and pay to the city within ten days of collection an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per tow.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.080 Use of towers list.

A. The approved towers list shall be valid from the effective date of these regulations until these regulations are revoked or amended by the board and the city council of the city pursuant to the pertinent city ordinance so as to otherwise provide. Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications set forth herein and who file the appropriate application with the Bridgeport police department will be assigned to the list.

B. Towers shall rotate on a per tow basis.

C. The towers shall at all times keep and maintain records of each municipal towing service rendered including the date and nature thereof pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66b. On or before twelve noon each Thursday the towers shall deliver to the Bridgeport police department a report of all towing activity for the prior calendar week performed pursuant to these regulations on forms provided by the department.

D. Towers shall be dispatched to provide services by CAD.

E. No tower on the municipal heavy duty towers list or otherwise shall go to the scene of motor vehicle (s) defined by Section 10.22.030B which are stolen and/or involved in police arrests or other incidents covered by these regulations unless dispatched to the scene by an authorized member of the department of police or by CAD.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.090 Assignment of towers.

- A. When in the opinion of the officer detailed to investigate the scene of stolen motor vehicle(s) and/or motor vehicle(s) involved in police arrests, or other incident governed by these regulations, the services of a tower are needed, the CAD shall be notified.
- B. The CAD dispatcher shall phone each tower in accordance with the municipal heavy duty towers list.
- C. Failure to respond at the scene of the stolen motor vehicle(s) and/or motor vehicle(s) involved in police arrests or other incident governed by these regulations within thirty (30) minutes after being called by the police will be deemed an unreasonable delay and will be deemed a passed call and the next available tower on the list will be dispatched. More than three passed calls during any six month period shall be deemed a violation of these regulations.
- D. Towers shall not refer a call to another wrecker company or substitute another company's tow vehicle.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.100 Removal or suspension.

- A. The chief of police may, for cause, suspend or remove from the municipal heavy duty towers list any licensed tower who is in violation of applicable ordinances, rules, and regulations or departmental orders after due notice in writing to the tower and hearing before the chief of police to be held not less than three days after the date of receipt of such notice.
- B. The chief of police shall take cognizance of any act, conduct or omission by those to whom these regulations are applicable, which is prejudicial, offensive or detrimental to the best interests of the public, although not specifically mentioned in these regulations or the police department regulations and may as a result suspend or revoke the tower's eligibility to participate on this list.
- C. Any tower aggrieved by the revocation or suspension by the chief of police or his assignee may appeal such decision within fifteen (15) days from notice of such decision to the board of police commissioners who shall hear the matter at their next meeting, if possible.
- D. Additional causes for suspension or removal may be, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Violation of any statute, state of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department (DMV) ruling, local ordinance, zoning violation, or any incident which endangers public safety;
 - 2. Failure to respond promptly or failure to answer a call;
 - 3. Responding with inadequate, improper or unsafe equipment;

4. Failure to provide competent, trained tow truck operators;
5. Improper or illegal treatment of motorists or overcharging for towing service;
6. Failure to cooperate with police at the scene;
7. A frequency of complaints from the public significantly higher than average; and/or
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(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.110 Civil rights provisions.

The tower agrees and warrants that in the performance under this agreement it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, sex, mental retardation or physical disability including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the tower that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the state of Connecticut, and further agrees to provide the commission on human rights and opportunities with such information requested by the commission concerning the employment practices and procedures of the tower as related to the provisions of Section 4-114a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as revised.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.120 Complaint.

If the owner of a motor vehicle believes that the vehicle was towed, and/or charged unjustly, a complaint may be filed with the chief of police who shall conduct an investigation into the complaint. If the investigation reveals that the vehicle was towed and/or charged unjustly, the owner shall have his vehicle released to him without charge or for an amount established by the chief of police. Unjust tows and charges shall include, but are not limited to, tows resultant from mistake or wrongdoing by the city, the Bridgeport police department or any of their agents, servants, officers or employees.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.130 Termination.

The city may revise or terminate these regulations and procedures for any reason at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the tower.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.140 Police hold and scofflaw hold.

A. The tower agrees that the police department may order a police hold on motor vehicles and in such cases, the tower agrees to accept custody of, tow and store on its own premises any vehicle of which the police department takes custody pursuant to its investigatory or evidence collecting authorities and which the police department entrusts for custodial purposes, to the tower. The tower will release any such vehicle only upon written authorization of the police department. The tower shall charge a nominal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for daily storage of the vehicle.

B. The tower agrees that the police department may order a scofflaw hold on motor vehicles delinquent on parking fines. In such cases, the tower agrees to accept custody of, tow and store on its own premises, any vehicles of which the police department has custody.

The tower will release any such vehicle only upon written authorization of the police department. Upon release, the tower shall collect at his storage area, all towing and administrative fees as well as any accrued storage charged.

The city shall not be liable for any storage fees under these conditions. Any storage fees charged to the owner of the vehicle shall be in accordance with the regulations of the DMV.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.150 Services rendered to Bridgeport police department.

A. Investigative and Evidential Storage. The tower shall provide short term interior storage at a nominal fee of five dollars per day for vehicles held in pending criminal cases for whatever cause, for up to twenty (20) days and will upon request tow any such vehicle to another site within the city without charge.

B. The tower shall provide a road repair and emergency service and towing of motor vehicles of the Bridgeport police department in a timely manner on a rotational basis for a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per call.

C. The tower, to facilitate post-towing inspections for vehicle identification numbers and accident reconstruction shall provide at no charge to the city on-site: movement of vehicles to lifts, tools, air-guns, lifts and other equipment, and personnel which are necessary to aid in the investigation by police department personnel.

D. When a vehicle is towed to the police garage for evidentiary processing and then towed to the tower's storage facility for storage, the owner of the vehicle shall be charged for a single hook-up and tow. The

storage charges shall only begin to accrue from the time that the vehicle is on the storage premises of the tower for more than eight hours.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

10.22.160 Miscellaneous.

A. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or provision of these regulations is adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or provision so adjudged invalid and the rest and remainder of these regulations as they now or hereafter exist, shall be deemed to be valid and effective.

B. In the case of an emergency or reasonable exigent circumstances the Bridgeport police department and its agents, servants, officials and employees reserve the right to disregard the list in obtaining the services of a tower.

C. These regulations may from time to time be amended by the board of police commissioners and any such amendments shall become effective upon approval by the city council.

D. A copy of these regulations and any amendments thereto will be provided to each tower on the list. Each tower must sign that he has read, understands and consents to the provisions of these regulations and any amendments thereof.

E. Each tower shall be required to maintain a sufficient operational capacity to accept and respond to all calls from the Bridgeport police department for towing services in a timely manner during his rotation.

F. Each tower applicant shall first be inspected and approved by the chief of police, the administrative services commander and/or the city's department of public purchases as meeting the requirements set forth in these regulations and any other pertinent rules, regulations and ordinances prior to inclusion on the list.

G. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be equipped and operated as provided by law, including DMV regulations.

H. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be maintained in good condition and shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Bridgeport police department, its agent, servants, officials and employees.

I. Each tower shall be responsible for the conduct of its agents, servants, officials and or employees governed by these regulations.

J. Each vehicle towed will be taken to the tower's storage facility unless specifically directed otherwise by the Bridgeport police department.

K. Each tower shall maintain a valid license to tow pursuant to the Bridgeport Municipal Code including but not limited to Sections 5.76.030 through 5.76.100.

L. The police commission, six months after the date of passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter, shall render a written report to the city council on the quality of operations of this procedure.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part))

Chapter 10.24

IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES

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10.24.010 Pounds to be established.

The board of police commissioners shall create one or more motor vehicle pounds to which motor vehicles may be removed at the direction of any police officer of the city for the causes specified in Section 10.24.020. The pounds so to be created under this chapter shall be public storage garages or such other appropriate places as shall be designated by the board of police commissioners. Before any garage or other place of storage shall be designated by the board of police commissioners as a motor

vehicle pound for the purposes of this chapter, the operator thereof shall furnish the city with evidence of insurance coverage which shall be adequate to protect the city against liability for any claim for damages arising out of the towing or storage of any impounded vehicle.

(Prior code § 20-72)

10.24.020 Vehicles subject to towing and impoundment.

Whenever any motor vehicle shall be found to be parked beyond the legal parking time established by the board of police commissioners, or be found parked therein during any period when parking is prohibited or shall be found parked on any street in an area in which parking shall be prohibited by the board of police commissioners or in excess of any time limitation which may have been established and posted by such authority, or shall be in violation of any statute or ordinance of the city or any rule or regulation duly established by the board of police commissioners pursuant to law, such vehicle may be removed, towed or conveyed by or at the direction of any member of the police department of the city by means of towing the same or otherwise to any motor vehicle pound established under this chapter; provided, however, that this chapter shall be limited to those special areas established by the board of police commissioners as towaway zones, so called and posted by signs as such. No motor vehicle shall be so parked as to block any driveway or be parked within ten feet of any fire hydrant; and such vehicle may be removed, towed or conveyed by or at the direction of any member of the police department of the city by means of towing the same or otherwise to any motor vehicle pound established under this chapter without the board of police commissioners designating such areas as towaway zones.

(Prior code § 20-73)

10.24.030 Immobilization and impoundment.

A. Any vehicle on which the owner owes delinquent parking fines and/or penalties in a cumulative amount of or exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be subject to towing and impoundment by order of the police department, and/or immobilization by a member of the police department, if such vehicle is found parked on any street within this city, or on any property leased or in possession of control of the city, or in any public parking area.

Any vehicle immobilized, or towed and impounded shall pay a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) administrative fee, in addition to the past due parking fines and/or penalties, and towing fees.

B. No vehicle shall be immobilized by any means other than by the use of a device or mechanism, which will not cause damage to such vehicle unless it is moved while such device or mechanism is in place. In any case involving immobilization of a vehicle pursuant to subsection A of this section, such member of the police department shall cause to be placed on such vehicle, in a conspicuous manner, notice sufficient to warn any individual to the effect that any attempt to move such vehicle might result in damage to the vehicle.

C. Any vehicle that properly displays a current state license plate or placard issued for a person with disabilities, or a disabled veteran pursuant to Sections 14-253a and 14-254 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, is exempt from this chapter.

(Ord. dated 10/2/06: prior code § 20-78)

10.24.040 Notification of impoundment.

A. Unless the owner of any motor vehicle which has been towed, immobilized or removed in accordance with Section 10.24.030 shall have repossessed the same within twenty-four (24) hours after the towing, immobilization or removal of any motor vehicle in accordance with Section 10.24.030, the police department shall notify the owner of such vehicle by certified mail, return receipt, of the fact that such motor vehicle has been towed, immobilized or removed, the place where it may be recovered and the conditions under which it will be released.

B. A vehicle immobilized under Section 10.24.030(B) may be towed under the direction of a member of the department of police in order to safeguard that vehicle from theft or vandalism.

(Prior code § 20-79)

10.24.050 Payment of costs required prior to release of vehicle.

Before the owner or person in charge of any motor vehicle immobilized or taken into custody in accordance with Section 10.24.030 of this chapter shall be allowed to repossess or to secure the release of such motor vehicle, the owner or his agent shall pay to the police department for the use of the town all of the following:

A. The cost of towing or removing the motor vehicle;

B. The cost of storage for each day or portion of a day that such motor vehicle is stored in excess of the first twenty-four (24) hours of such storage;

C. All sums legally due to the city for unpaid parking tickets and fines outstanding against such motor vehicle.

(Prior code § 20-80)

10.24.060 Identification by owner required.

No immobilized or impounded motor vehicle shall be released until the person claiming such vehicle shall establish his identity and right to possession of the motor vehicle and until a receipt is signed

therefor.

(Prior code § 20-81)

10.24.070 Repossession of impounded vehicles.

A. The removal of any motor vehicle pursuant to Section 10.24.020 shall be determined the abatement of a nuisance and shall be at the risk of the owner or person entitled to possession of such vehicle; and, having been so removed, shall remain impounded until the fees and charges provided in this chapter shall be paid by the owner or person entitled to possession thereof.

B. The police officer directing the impounding of any such vehicle and the operator of the motor vehicle pound in which the same shall be impounded shall make such prompt report to police headquarters as shall be required by the board of police commissioners by regulations which shall be adopted by the board of police commissioners as will enable the owner or person in charge of such vehicle to be informed as to the nature and circumstance of the violation on account of which such vehicle has been impounded and the place in which it is impounded and from which it may be repossessed by the person legally entitled to possession thereof.

C. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be entitled to repossess the same, he shall pay the police department a fine of five dollars (\$5.00); and, upon delivery, to the operator of the motor vehicle pound in which such vehicle is impounded, of evidence of the payment of such fine, shall be entitled to obtain possession of such vehicle upon payment to the city department of police, of a towing fee, such towing fee to be determined by the board of police commissioners, plus the cost of storage, not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00) for each day or for any part of a day that such vehicle shall have been impounded. No impounded vehicle shall be released until the person claiming such vehicle shall establish his identity and right to possession of the vehicle and until he shall have signed a receipt therefor.

(Prior code § 20-74)

10.24.080 Payment of storage charge not to affect liability for violation.

The removing, towing and storage charges provided for in Section 10.24.070 shall be a lien upon such vehicle, and the payment thereof shall not release or relieve the owner and the person in charge of such vehicle at the time of the violation for which the same was impounded from prosecution for any violation of law which may have been involved in the circumstances which resulted in the impounding of such vehicle. The board of police commissioners and any custodian of such vehicle shall not be liable for any damage to the vehicle while stored or for the removal of the contents of any stored vehicle.

(Prior code § 20-75)

10.24.090 Protests against payment of impounding and storage charges.

In case protest is made to the police department against the impounding or storage fee of a vehicle towed away and impounded pursuant to this chapter, the vehicle may be released upon evidence of ownership to the claimant upon the furnishing of a lien fee in an amount equal to the towing charge plus one dollar (\$1.00) per day storage fee, and such claimant shall be issued a uniform traffic ticket to answer to the violations of the city ordinance on account of which such vehicle has been impounded. If, after the proper hearing in the state circuit court, a finding of not guilty is entered, then such lien fee shall be returned. If, however, a finding of guilty is entered, then such lien fee shall be turned over to the comptroller of the city.

(Prior code § 20-76)

10.24.100 Adoption of rules and regulations.

The board of police commissioners shall provide such forms and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the operation of this chapter.

(Prior code § 20-77)

Chapter 10.26 MUNICIPAL ACCIDENT TOWERS

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10.26.010 Purpose of chapter.

The purpose of this chapter is to define the criteria and the procedure for the towing of certain motor vehicles by the Bridgeport police department and to establish procedures to be followed when such towing services are required by police personnel.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.020 Policy.

A. A three-member committee of the board of police commissioners ("board") appointed by the president of the board and known as the towing committee will oversee the towing operations and formulate and oversee procedures for management by the board.

B. The chief of police or his designee (the "chief of police") shall be the managing authority over the day-to-day operations conducted by the department pursuant to these regulations.

C. The administrative services commander or his designee (the "administrative services commander") shall be the oversight authority for the towing of vehicles conducted in compliance with these regulations.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.030 Application of chapter.

A. These regulations are intended to and shall govern non-consensual towing of motor vehicles involved in an accident:

B. For the purpose of these regulations, "motor vehicle" is defined as an automobile, van, light truck, motorcycle, or similar vehicle only. These regulations do not pertain to the towing, servicing, repair or storage of buses, large trucks, or other commercial carriers or similar vehicles which are normally serviced by their own and/or heavy duty tow vehicles.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.040 Police administrative procedure.

A. The chief of police from time to time shall adopt appropriate departmental orders or amend existing departmental orders as appropriate and necessary to implement these regulations. All such orders shall be reported to the board of police commissioners ("board").

B. All requests for towing services covered by these regulations shall be made by police personnel through the department's communications and dispatch center ("CAD") and shall be assigned to the appropriate tower on the municipal heavy duty towers list as determined by these regulations except urgent circumstances that warrant immediate attention.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.050 Municipal accident towers list.

A. The chief of police shall prepare and maintain a list of towers who may perform those municipal

accident towing services provided for in these regulations which will be known as the "municipal accident towers list" ("list").

B. The municipal accident towers list shall include those licensed towers whose place of business is located in the city who properly apply for inclusion in accordance with these regulations and who meet the minimum standards and criteria set forth in this chapter.

C. A tower may operate a towing service under more than one company name out of the same or different locations so long as each company individually meets the requirements set forth in this ordinance chapter and complies with the charter and the ordinances of the city and applicable state of Connecticut statutes and regulations.

D. The tower shall accept payment for towing and/or storage by at least one major credit card.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.060 Qualified towers General requirements.

A. Must have state of Connecticut used or new car dealer license or state of Connecticut motor vehicle repairer's license pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66.

B. Place of business, including storage lots, must be located within the boundaries of the city and must be in compliance with all pertinent state and local laws and regulations.

C. All principles of a tower and changes in ownership or registration thereto shall be identified and set forth in writing to the chief of police within twenty-four (24) hours.

D. Tower must pay four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) by certified or cashier check to the city as a nonrefundable fee together with its application.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

(Ord. dated 11/3/08)

10.26.070 Qualified towers Equipment.

A. Towers shall have a minimum of one suitable radio-equipped tow truck on duty.

B. The tower shall have a minimum of one flat bed truck or other vehicle capable of towing vehicles.

C. Each tow truck will be lettered on both sides of the vehicle depicting the name of the tower and its

telephone number. Lettering will be a minimum of three inches high and will be maintained in a clean, legible condition.

D. Each tow truck will be maintained in good condition and will be subject to inspection at any time by the police department. Results of any inspection shall be forwarded to the chief of police.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.080 Qualified towers Storage space.

A. The tower shall provide suitable on site secure outdoor storage space sufficient to accommodate all vehicles towed by the towing service, completely enclosed by metal fencing at least eight feet high and with suitable lighting.

B. The tower shall have additional indoor secure storage sufficient to accommodate those vehicles requiring indoor storage as evidenced by the condition of the vehicle and/or specifically requested by the Bridgeport police department.

C. The tower shall provide a minimum outdoor storage space for twenty (20) vehicles and a minimum indoor storage space for ten vehicles.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.090 Qualified towers Operations.

A. The tower shall be operational twenty-four (24) hours per day seven days a week for release of vehicles at no additional cost to its owner and/or operator.

B. The tower shall have and maintain the necessary means for direct telephone contact at all time so to assure compliance with the regulations and procedures set forth in this chapter.

C. The tower shall have qualified tow vehicle operators available to respond to any calls at all times of the day under all weather conditions.

D. The tower shall provide written notification to the vehicle owner and/or operator of the location of the vehicle and charges to date within seventy-two (72) hours of towing and storage. The tower shall furnish proof of such notification to the chief of police on demand.

E. The tower will be responsible for the removal of glass and/or debris from the scene of the tow.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.100 Qualified towers Personnel.

A. Tower shall provide and update monthly as to any changes to a list of all its employees including a photocopy of the Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and Social Security number.

B. All tow truck operators must:

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
2. Possess the requisite valid Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license;
3. Have no felony conviction;
4. Be physically fit for the proper and safe operation of tow trucks;
5. Be a competent operator of the tow truck, and be knowledgeable with the motor and mechanical features of the tow truck and may be required to demonstrate such skills upon demand by the chief of police.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.110 Qualified towers Insurance.

Each tower shall procure and maintain in effect the following insurance coverages with insurers licensed or approved to conduct business in the state of Connecticut and holding a current financial rating in the A.M. Best & Company satisfactory to the city.

A. Commercial general liability. Insurance against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury or damages of property and claims to have arisen out of operations conducted pursuant to these regulations. Coverage shall be broad enough to include premises and operations, contingent liability, contractual liability, fire legal liability and care, custody and control.

B. Business automobile. Insuring against claims or suits brought by members of the public alleging bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property and claimed to have arisen out of the use of owned, hired or non-owned vehicles in connection with operations under this agreement. Coverage shall be broad enough to include:

1. Limits of liability shall not be less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence, annual aggregate, bodily injury, personal injury or damage of property.

C. Policies under both subsections (A) and (B) of this section shall be endorsed to include the following:

1. Additional named insured naming the city of Bridgeport and any department or agency of the city as an additional insured, as their interest may appear.

a. Knowledge of occurrence Standard wording;

b. Notice of occurrence Standard wording.

D. Worker's compensation and employees liability. Insuring in accordance with statutory requirements in order to meet obligations towards employees in the event of injury or death sustained in the course of employment. Employers liability (Coverage B) shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each claim.

E. Notice of cancellation. In the event of non-renewal or cancellation tower's insurer shall give written notice to the city of Bridgeport, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT, Attention: Office of Risk Management, indicating that such cancellation or non-renewal shall not be effective in less than sixty (60) days from when the notice is received by registered mail.

F. Certificate of insurance. Prior to eligibility to perform towing services hereunder a properly authorized certificate of insurance evidencing that the foregoing described coverages are in effect including the required minimum notice of cancellation with elimination of the verbage "will endeavor." Further, prior to acceptance, the certificate shall clearly show:

1. Description of operations;

2. Location (exact as possible);

3. City/department as additional insured.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.120 Tower not an agent of city.

Each tower is an independent contractor and is not an officer, employee, servant or agent of the city. No tower shall represent that it, its agents and/or employees are the agents, officers, servants and/or employees of the city.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.130 Indemnification of city.

Each participating tower agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the city, its agencies, boards, commissions, departments, agents, employees, servants, officers and officials from any and all claims, liabilities and obligations and causes of action of whatsoever kind and nature for injury to or death of any person, including, but not limited to, tower's employees and for damages to or destruction of property, or loss of use, including property of the city, resulting in connection with activities under or pursuant to services performed pursuant to these regulations regardless of cause except that tower shall not be required to assume responsibility or indemnify city for such injuries, damages or claims deemed by law to be due to the sole negligence of the city, its employees or agents. All participating towers as a condition of their eligibility shall execute all agreements or other documents as deemed appropriate and necessary from time to time by the city's risk manager and/or city attorney.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.140 Fees.

A. Fees for towing and storing any vehicle pursuant to these regulations shall not exceed those rates set by the State Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles. Approved towing rates shall be posted in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles ("DMV"). Vehicles will be stored in accordance with DMV regulations.

B. In addition, the tower, together with collecting its own towing and storage fees, will collect for the city and pay to the city within ten days of collection an administrative fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per tow.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

(Ord. dated 2/2/09)

10.26.150 Use of towers list.

A. Towers approved to be on the accident list shall be valid from the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter until these regulations are revoked or amended by the board and the common council of the city pursuant to the pertinent city ordinance so as to otherwise provide. Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications set forth in this chapter and who file the appropriate application with the Bridgeport police department will be assigned to the list.

B. Towers shall rotate on a per tow basis.

C. The towers shall at all times keep and maintain records of each municipal accident towing service rendered including the date and nature thereof pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 14-66b.

D. Towers shall be dispatched to provide services by CAD.

E. No tower on the accident towers list or otherwise shall go to the scene of motor vehicle(s) defined by Section 10.20.030(b) which are stolen and/or involved in police arrests or other incidents covered by these regulations unless dispatched to the scene by an authorized member of the department of police or by CAD. It shall be unlawful for any tower not authorized by the Bridgeport police department to go to the scene of any accident with the intent to solicit repair or tow jobs.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.160 Assignment of towers.

A. When in the opinion of the officer detailed to investigate an accident in which an automobile is rendered inoperable, or other incident governed by these regulations, the services of a tower are needed, the CAD shall be notified.

B. The CAD dispatcher shall phone each tower in accordance with the municipal accident list.

C. Failure to respond at the scene of an accident within thirty (30) minutes after being called by the police will be deemed an unreasonable delay and will be deemed a passed call and the next available tower on the list will be dispatched. More than two passed calls during any six-month period shall be deemed a violation of these regulations.

D. Towers shall not refer a call to another wrecker company or substitute another company's tow vehicle.

E. CAD shall phone the tower in the next order of progression off the accident list and enter the following information on department form: date, time, name of wrecker notified, name of individual accepting the call.

F. When in the opinion of the officer detailed to investigate an accident the services of more than one tower are needed, the towers in the next order of progression off the accident list shall be notified. Towers shall have the pick of the disabled vehicles in order of their notification.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.170 Removal or suspension Appeal.

A. The chief of police, may, for cause, suspend or remove from the accident towers list any licensed tower who is in violation of applicable ordinances, rules and regulations or department orders after due notice in writing to the tower and hearing before the chief of police to be held not less than three days

after the date of receipt of such notice.

B. The chief of police shall take cognizance of any act, conduct, or omission by those to whom these regulations are applicable, which is prejudicial, offensive or detrimental to the best interests of the public, although not specifically mentioned in these regulations or the police department regulations and may, as a result, suspend or revoke the tower's eligibility to participate on this list.

C. Any tower aggrieved by the revocation or suspension by the chief of police or his designee may appeal such decision within fifteen (15) days from notice of such decision to the board of police commissioners who shall hear the matter at their next meeting, if possible.

D. Additional causes for suspension or removal may be, but are not limited to:

1. Violation of any statute, state of Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department ("DMV") ruling, local ordinance, zoning violation, or any incident which endangers public safety;
2. Failure to respond promptly or failure to answer a call;
3. Responding with inadequate, improper or unsafe equipment;
4. Failure to provide competent, trained tow truck operators;
5. Improper or illegal treatment of motorists or overcharging for towing service;
6. Failure to cooperate with police at the scene;
7. A frequency of complaints from the public significantly higher than average; and/or
8. Conduct which may be deemed a breach of peace.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

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(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.190 Complaint by owner of towed vehicle.

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B. 1. The tower agrees that the police department may order a scofflaw hold on motor vehicles delinquent on parking fines. In such cases, the tower agrees to accept custody of, tow and store on its own premises, any vehicles of which the police department has custody.

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(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.210 Services rendered to the Bridgeport police department.

A. Investigative and evidential storage. The tower shall provide short-term interior storage at a nominal fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day for vehicles held in pending criminal cases for whatever cause, for up to twenty (20) days and will, upon request, tow any such vehicle to another site within the city without

charge.

B. The tower shall provide a road repair and emergency service and towing of motor vehicles of the Bridgeport police department in a timely manner on a rotational basis for a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per call.

C. The tower, to facilitate post-towing inspections for vehicle identification numbers and accident reconstruction shall provide at no charge to the city on site: movement of vehicles to lifts, tools, air guns, lifts and other equipment, and personnel which are necessary to aid in the investigation by police department personnel.

D. When a vehicle is towed to the police garage for evidentiary processing and towed to the tower's storage facility for storage, the owner of the vehicle shall be charged for a single hook-up and tow. The storage charges shall only begin to accrue from the time that the vehicle is on the storage premises of the tower for more than eight hours.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.220 Miscellaneous provisions.

A. In the case of an emergency or reasonable exigent circumstances the Bridgeport police department and its agents, servants, officials and employees reserve the right to disregard the list in obtaining the services of a tower.

B. These regulations may from time to time be amended by the board of police commissioners and any such amendments shall become effective upon approval by the common council.

C. A copy of these regulations and any amendments thereto will be provided to each tower on the list. Each tower must sign that he has read, understands and consents to the provisions of these regulations and any amendments thereof.

D. Each tower shall be required to maintain a sufficient operational capacity to accept and respond to all calls from the Bridgeport police department for towing services in a timely manner during his rotation.

E. Each tower applicant shall first be inspected and approved by the chief of police. The administrative services commander and/or the city's department of public purchases as meeting the requirements set forth in these regulations and any other pertinent rules, regulations and ordinances prior to inclusion on the list.

F. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be equipped and operated as provided by law, including DMV regulations.

G. Each tow truck and storage facility shall be maintained in good condition and shall be subject to inspection at any time by the Bridgeport police department, its agent, servants, officials and employees.

H. Each tower shall be responsible for the conduct of its agents, servants, officials and/or employees governed by these regulations.

I. Each vehicle towed will be taken to the tower's storage facility unless specifically directed otherwise by the Bridgeport police department.

J. Each tower shall maintain a valid license to tow pursuant to this code including, but not limited to, Chapter 5.76 of this code.

K. The police commission, six months after the date of passage of the ordinance codified in this chapter, shall render a written report to the common council on the quality of operations of this procedure.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

10.26.230 Supersede ordinance.

This ordinance section supersedes any ordinance and regulation regarding accident tows.

(Ord. dated 9/21/99)

Chapter 10.28 SNOW EMERGENCIES

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10.28.010 Declaration of public interest.

It has been found and declared that storms producing heavy snow accumulations are inimical to the public safety, health and welfare of the inhabitants of the city; and the necessity in the public interest for the enactment of this chapter is declared as a matter of legislative determination.

(Prior code § 20-84)

10.28.020 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

"Snow emergency" means a condition created by a combination of meteorological circumstances which produces a snowfall accumulation, which condition in the discretion of the mayor calls for a declaration of a snow emergency in order to provide for the safe and expeditious movement of traffic and the prompt and economical removal of snow from designated arteries of traffic.

"Snow street" means a city-accepted street, roadway, avenue or boulevard including the berm or shoulder adjacent thereto upon which signs have been permanently or temporarily affixed designating such arteries of traffic as a snow emergency street.

(Prior code § 20-85)

10.28.030 Authority of mayor to declare emergency.

The mayor of the city is empowered to declare a state of emergency by using any available means of public communication to inform the public of his declaration. Upon the declaration of an emergency, the existing approved emergency operation plan shall be placed into effect.

(Ord. dated 2/21/89: prior code § 20-86)

10.28.040 Parking or standing prohibited during emergency.

When the mayor declares a state of snow emergency, no person shall stand or park a vehicle upon a street designated by signs as a snow emergency street, except in such areas and for such purposes as shall be designated by the mayor, until the mayor has declared the prohibition of such standing or parking terminated.

(Prior code § 20-87)

10.28.050 Streets designated.

A. The following streets shall be known and designated as snow emergency streets:

Anton Street

Anson Street

Arctic Street (Knowlton Street to Pembroke Lake)

Atlantic Street (Main to Iranistan Avenue)

Barnum Avenue (Noble Avenue to Stratford Town Line)

Berkshire Avenue (River Street to East Main Street)

Bishop Avenue

Boston Avenue

Brewster Street

Briarwood Avenue

Broad Street

Brooklawn Avenue (Capitol Avenue to North Avenue)

Capitol Avenue (Park Avenue to North Avenue)

Central Avenue

Chopsey Hill Road

Congress Street

Connecticut Avenue

Hunting Street (Lindley Street to Anson Street)

Dewey Street

East Main Street

Ellsworth Street

Fairfield Avenue

Golden Hill Street

Grant Street

Gregory Street (Broad Street to Park Avenue)

Hawley Avenue

Huntington Turnpike

James Street

Jewett Avenue

John Street

Lafayette Street

Lindley Street

Madison Avenue (Anton Street to Main Street)

Main Street

Maplewood Avenue

Mill Hill Avenue

Noble Avenue

North Avenue

North Washington Avenue (Lindley Street to River Street)

Old Town Road (Reservoir Avenue to Park Avenue)

Park Avenue (Capitol Avenue to Seaside Park)

Pequonnock Street

Reservoir Avenue

Seaview Avenue (Connecticut Avenue to Boston Avenue)

Springdale Street

State Street

Stratford Avenue

Summit Street

Vincelette Street (Madison Avenue to Main Street)

Wood Avenue (Park Avenue to Sherwood Avenue)

Water Street (Fairfield Avenue to State Street).

B. The board of police commissioners shall establish and maintain at or on the streets affected by this section appropriate markers or signs indicating that such streets are snow emergency streets with standing or parking prohibited and any offender subject to fine and towaway during a state of snow emergency.

(Ord. dated 10/7/96 (part); prior code § 20-88)

10.28.060 Vehicles subject to towing and impoundment.

Whenever any vehicle shall be found to be standing or parked on any street designated pursuant to Section 10.28.050 as a snow emergency street during a declared snow emergency, such vehicle may be removed, towed or conveyed by or at the direction of any member of the police department of the city by means of towing the same or otherwise to any motor vehicle pound established under this chapter; provided, however, that this chapter shall be limited to those streets designated as snow emergency streets, and posted by markers or signs as such.

(Prior code § 20-89)

10.28.070 Repossession of impounded vehicles.

A. The removal of any motor vehicle pursuant to this chapter shall be determined the abatement of a nuisance and shall be at the risk of the owner or person entitled to possession of such vehicle; and, having been so removed, shall remain impounded until the fees and charges provided in this chapter shall be paid by the owner or person entitled to possession thereof.

B. The police officer directing the impounding of any such vehicle and the operator of the motor vehicle pound in which the same shall be impounded shall make such prompt report to police headquarters as shall be required by the board of police commissioners by regulations which shall be adopted by the board of police commissioners as will enable the owner or person in charge of such vehicle to be informed as to the nature and circumstance of the violation on account of which such vehicle has been impounded and the place in which it is impounded and from which it may be repossessed by the person legally entitled to possession thereof.

C. Before the owner or person in charge of such vehicle shall be entitled to repossess the same, he shall pay the police department a fine of not more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00); and, upon delivery, to the operator of the motor vehicle pound in which such vehicle is impounded, of evidence of the payment of such fine, shall be entitled to obtain possession of such vehicle upon payment to the city department of police, of a towing fee, such towing fee to be determined by the board of police commissioners, plus the cost of storage, not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00) for each day or for any part of a day that such vehicle shall have been impounded. No impounded vehicle shall be released until the person claiming such vehicle shall establish his identity and right to possession of the vehicle and until he shall have signed a receipt therefor.

(Prior code § 20-90)

10.28.080 Payment of storage charge not to affect liability for violation.

The removing, towing and storage charges provided for in Section 10.28.070 shall be a lien upon the vehicle, and the payment thereof shall not release or relieve the owner and the person in charge of such vehicle at the time of the violation for which the same was impounded from prosecution for any violation of law which may have been involved in the circumstances which resulted in the impounding

of such vehicle. The board of police commissioners and any custodian of such vehicle shall not be liable for any damage to the vehicle while stored or for the removal of the contents of any stored vehicle.

(Prior code § 20-91)

10.28.090 Protests against payment of towing and storage charges.

In case protest is made to the police department against the impounding or storage fee of a vehicle impounded pursuant to this chapter, the vehicle may be released upon evidence of ownership to the claimant upon the furnishing of a lien fee in an amount equal to the towing charge plus one dollar (\$1.00) per day storage fee, and such claimant shall be issued a uniform traffic ticket to answer to the violations of the city ordinance on account of which such vehicle has been impounded. If, after a proper hearing in the state circuit court, a finding of not guilty is entered, then such lien fee shall be returned. If, however, a finding of guilty is entered, then such lien fee shall be turned over to the comptroller of the city.

(Prior code § 20-92)

10.28.100 Adoption of rules and regulations.

The board of police commissioners shall provide such forms and adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the operation of this chapter.

(Prior code § 20-93)

Chapter 10.30

HANDICAPPED PARKING ON CITY STREETS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD

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10.30.010 Establishment.

The board of police commissioners, as the traffic authority of the city, may establish on street handicapped parking in residential areas, which may be rescinded at any time. The establishment of such parking is discretionary and such parking shall not be assigned to a particular person or persons.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.020 Residents Petition procedure.

A resident of a residential area may file a written petition with the office of persons with disabilities, with copies to the board of police commissioners and the traffic engineer of the department of engineering, for the establishment of on street handicapped parking. The board of police commissioners shall hold a public hearing regarding a preliminary approved petition, with notice by the city by publication in a paper of general publication and by mail to the abutting property owner where the proposed sign is to be placed.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.030 Criteria for establishment.

The board of police commissioners shall include the combination of following criteria when considering the establishment of residential on street handicap parking.

1. The availability of off street parking.
2. Whether the person requesting the establishment of on street handicapped parking possesses a handicapped parking permit issued by the state of Connecticut.
3. The availability of a sidewalk ramp or equivalent which are in good condition and having a slope not steeper than 1:12 thereto.
4. On street parking restrictions.
5. Other apparent hazardous and unsafe conditions as the result of establishing handicapped parking.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.040 Review.

The department of engineering of the city shall review the proposed residential handicapped on street parking to determine if it meets the requirements of this chapter and so advise the board of police commissioners.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.050 Rescinded.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.060 Designation Duration and renewal.

A handicapped parking designation shall be for a three year time period, plus or minus, the termination date being January 1 of the third year closest to the date of approval of the residential on street handicapped parking by the board of police commissioners. A handicapped parking designation may be renewed, not less than sixty (60) days prior to expiration, for additional three-year intervals as of January 1.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.070 Unapproved signs unlawful.

On street residential handicapped parking signs which have been erected without the approval of the board of police commissioners are declared to be unlawful and shall be removed by the department of public facilities. Any person or persons who unlawfully erect on street residential handicapped parking signs shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)

10.30.080 Report required.

The office of persons with disabilities shall annually file a report, at the first January meeting of the city council, setting forth the number, location and expiration dates of on street residential handicapped parking signs. In addition, the office of persons with disabilities shall bi-annually file a report at the first January meeting of the city council whether the requestor still lives at the location and whether such on street residential handicapped parking signs should be removed.

(Ord. dated 8/5/02)